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ROSTER OF OFFICERS.

FOR 1870.

COMMANDER:
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S. V. COMMANDER:
GEORGE S. WOOD, (Post No. 151,)
Birmingham, Allegheny Co.

J. V. COMMANDER:
CHARLES ALBRIGHT, (Post No. 61,)
Mauch Chunk.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR:
J. WILSON DeWITT, M. D., (Post No. 2,)
2061 *Ridge Avenue, Phila.*

CHAPLAIN:
Rev. J. J. MARKS, (Post No. 134,)
Brookville, Jefferson Co.

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THOMAS A. NICOLLS, (Post No. 47,) *St. Clair, Schuylkill Co.*
LANE S. HART, (Post No. 58,) *Harrisburg.*
C. K. CAMPBELL, (Post No. 89,) *Pittston.*
FRANK REEDER, (Post 129,) *Easton.*

ASST. ADJT. GENERAL:
ROBERT B. BEATH, (Post No. 23,)
Pottsville, Schuylkill Co.

ASST. Q. M. GENERAL:
WILLIAM J. SMYTH, (Post No. 19,)
1828 *Olive St., Phila.*

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LEVI HUBER, (Post No. 23,)
Pottsville, Schuylkill Co.

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Treasury Dept., Custom House, Phila.

Western Division.
W. T. DOUGHERTY, (Post No. 75,)
New Castle, Lawrence Co.

Northern Division.
A. von SCHLUEMBACH, (Post No. 97,)
Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne Co.

AIDES DE CAMP:

A. WILSON NORRIS, (Post No. 19,) 715 *Sansom St., Phila.*,
CHAS. W. COWARD, (Post No. 31,) *West Chester*,
W. F. HOOD, (Post No. 3,) *Pittsburgh.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF

The First Convention,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 16th, 1867.

In compliance with General Orders, No. 3, Headquarters Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, dated Philadelphia, December 20, 1866, the delegates from the different Posts in this Department, assembled in convention in the Chamber of Common Council, in the city of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, January 16, 1867.

Provisional Department Commander, Louis Wagner, called the meeting to order, and appointed Comrade A. J. Knorr, Officer of the Day, and Comrade Gavin Neilson, Sentinel. The delegates and spectators were then examined by the Officer of the Day and reported correct.

The order calling the Convention was then read, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.,
Philadelphia, Dec. 20th, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3. } All Posts within this Department will select Delegates in accordance with Art. XVIII, Sec. 1, of the Constitution adopted at Indianapolis, on Nov. 21, 1866, to meet in Convention in this city, on Wednesday, January 16th, 1867, for the purpose of electing Department Officers.

Post Commanders will issue to such delegates the necessary credentials, and report their selection to these Head-Quarters.

By order of

LOUIS WAGNER,
Prov. Depart. Commander.

JAMES GIVIN,
A. Asst. Adj. General.

Comrades E. H. Rauch, H. H. Bingham and J. M. Davis were appointed a Committee on credentials and reported as follows :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report : That they find upon examination of credentials submitted by delegates from various Posts, that there is a great conflict in the numerical relations of the Posts, several claiming No. 1, and making similar conflicting claims. Some Posts appear without any number at all. Your Committee would, therefore, simply submit the names of the delegates without reference to the number of their Posts.

5th Ward, Philadelphia—H. H. Bingham, Meyer Asch.

Philadelphia—Joshua T. Owen, James Givin, S. B. Wylie Mitchell, Edwin R. Biles.

3d Ward Philadelphia—Robt. B. Beath.

22d " " Louis Wagner, Marshall C. Hong.

18th " " Jacob M. Davis.

14th " " Wm. J. Mackey.

Gettysburg—James A. Cress.

12th Ward, Philadelphia—John Sage.

Norristown—Wm. M. Runkel.

Roxborough, Phila.—S. Irvin Givin.

Allentown—Henry C. Wagner, Walter H. Seip.

Manayunk, Phila.—James M. McGee.

Reading—E. H. Rauch, L. D. Wilson.

Minersville—Chas. N. Brumm.

20th Ward Philadelphia—Harry E. Rulon, Geo. P. Oliver, J. Dudley Worman.

Darby, Delaware Co.—Wm. H. Litzenberg.

District of Allegheny No. 1—Geo. T. Morgan, Lee S. Smith.

District of Allegheny, No. 2—Thomas N. Bayne, A. L. Pearson.

23d Cong. District, No. 1—John S. Nicholls, John G. Brown.

Post No 1, 23d Cong. District, has no legal existence, having been organized January 7, 1867, by authority of the G. A. R., Illinois, by Gen. A. L. Pearson, A. D. C., to the Commander-in-Chief, being in violation of Article 22 of the Constitution.

(Signed,) E. H. RAUCH,
J. M. DAVIS,
H. H. BINGHAM,
Committee.

Comrade A. L. Pearson moved that the last clause be stricken out, and the report of the committee then be adopted. Comrade E. H. Rauch offered the following as a substitute for the motion of Comrade Pearson:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be adopted, and the delegates named therein admitted to seats, and

Resolved also, That Post No. 1, of the 23d Congressional District, which was not organized in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, be also recognized and its delegates admitted.

The second resolution being in violation of the Constitution was subsequently withdrawn by the mover.

The question was then taken on the first resolution of the substitute, which was adopted. Yeas 19, Nays 5.

The roll of delegates was then called, and two were reported absent.

On motion of Comrade Joshua T. Owen, the delegates from Post No. 1, 23d Congressional District, were admitted to seats in the Convention. Yeas 12, Nays 7.

The Provisional Department Commander then presented the following report:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philadelphia, January 15, 1867.

To the Convention called to organize the Department of Pennsylvania:

COMRADES:—I have the honor to report that in accordance with Special Orders, No. 1, Headquarters of the G. A. R., of which find copy herewith marked "A," I assumed command of this Department on Nov. 27th, 1866, issuing General Orders, No. 1, marked "B." This order was, through the kindness of Comrade Clayton MacMichael, telegraphed to all parts of the State and published in the various newspapers. In consequence, a large number of letters reached me daily, inquiring into the principles of our organization and the *modus operandi* of instituting Posts. To the parties so applying, I sent a copy of a circular marked "C," and a blank application for a charter, marked "D," as well as copies of the various orders issued.

On Nov. 28th, 1866, I announced my Provisional Staff in General Orders, No. 2, marked "E."

Knowing that several Posts had been established within the limits of this Department, by various authorities, I endeavored to obtain the names of their Commanders. In this, I believe I have succeeded in all instances, and as a result the Posts so existing, have reported in accordance with General Orders, No. 1, except two located at Pittsburgh.

Please find herewith marked "F," a statement of the Posts now within this Department as far as officially heard from.

After I had official knowledge of the constitutional number of Posts, I issued General Orders, No. 3, marked "G," in consequence of which we are now assembled.

I bespeak on your part an earnest consideration of the various subjects to be presented, so that our Order may be placed on an enduring basis.

I call particular attention to the Report of our Asst. Quartermaster General, to whom, as well as the rest of my staff, I owe many thanks for their prompt and efficient assistance.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
LOUIS WAGNER,
Provisional Department Commander.

"A."

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.
Springfield, Illinois, November 22, 1866.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 1. } Brevet Brig. Gen. Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is hereby appointed temporary Commander of the Provisional Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of organizing Districts and Posts in said Department.

Gen. Wagner will make all reports promptly to the General Head-Quarters at Springfield, Illinois.

By order of
Maj. Gen. S. A. HURLBURT,
Commanding Grand Army of the Republic.

B. F. STEPHENSON,
Adjutant General.

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.
Philadelphia, November 28, 1866.

OFFICIAL:
JAMES GIVIN,
Asst. Adjt. General.

"B."

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.
Philadelphia, November 27, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS, No 1. } I. In accordance with Special Orders No. 1, Head-Quarters G. A. of the R., U. S,. dated Springfield, Ill., November 22, 1866, I hereby assume command of this Department.

II. Commanders of Posts, G. A. of the R., within the limits of this Department, will at once report to these Head-Quarters, as follows :—

1. Name and post-office address of Post Commander.
2, Date of organization of post.
3. By whose authority organized.
4. Present strength.
5. Location—Town, County and Congressional District.

III. A Provisional Department Staff will be announced in future orders.

IV. Honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors, desirous of organizing posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within this Department, will address these Head-Quarters.

LOUIS WAGNER,
Provisional Commander,
Dept. of Penna., G. A. of the R., U. S.

OFFICIAL:
JAS. GIVIN,
Asst. Adjt. General.

"C."

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DEAR SIR :—Your favor of.....is received. In reply, I would say that the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic consists of honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors only, and that the following are the objects sought to be accomplished by the organization :—

1st. The preservation of those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together, with the strong cords of love and affection, the comrades in arms of many battles, sieges and marches.

2d. To make these ties available in works and results of kindness, of favor and material aid to those in need of assistance.

3d. To make provision where it is not already done, for the support, care and education of soldiers' orphans, and for the maintenance of the widows of deceased soldiers.

4th. For the protection and assistance of disabled soldiers, whether disabled by wounds, sickness, old age, or misfortune.

5th. For the establishment and defence of the rights of the late soldiery of the United States, morally, socially and politically, with a view to inculcate a proper appreciation of their services to the country, and to a recognition of such services and claims by the American people.

I should be pleased if a "Post" could be organized in your town, and trust that you will take hold and energetically push the matter.

Enclosed I send you a blank application for charter, which, after being signed, you will return to these Head-quarters, when a Staff Officer will be sent to muster in and organize your Post.

By order of

LOUIS WAGNER,
Provisional Commander Department.

JAMES GIVIN,
Asst. Adjt. General.

"D."

(To be signed by at least ten.)

The undersigned, honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors, resident in.....County, ... Congressional District, State of Pennsylvania, would respectfully ask the Commander Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, U. S., for a charter to organize a Post to be located in.....; and to be No.....; pledging themselves individually and collectively, to abide by and obey all orders that may be issued by the proper authorities.

Enclosed find for charter fee..... $10.00
Price of Rituals..... 2.50

NAME.	LATE RANK.	COMPANY.	REGIMENT.

"E."

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.
Philadelphia, November 28, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2. } The following gentlemen are hereby appointed the Provisional Staff of this Department:—

Col. James Givin, A. A. G.
Capt. Wm. J. Mackey, A. Q. M. G.
Brev. Brig. Gen. E. R. Biles, A. A. D. C.
Capt. J. Harrison Lambdin, A. A. D. C.
Brev. Lt. Col. Washington M. Worrall, A. A. D. C.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

LOUIS WAGNER,
Provisional Commander,
Department of Penna., G. A. of the R., U. S.

OFFICIAL:
JAMES GIVIN,
Asst. Adjt. General.

"F."

LIST OF POSTS.

*	No.	TOWN,	COUNTY.	WHEN CHARTERED.	BY WHAT AUTHORITY.	REMARKS.
	1	5th Ward, Phil.	Philada.	Oct. 17, 1866.	H'dqrs. G. A. R.	Numb'd by Com. in Chief, S. C Hurlhut
	2	6th " "	"	" 29, "	Dep. Wiscons'n	do do
5	3	3d " "	"	Nov. 7, 1866.	Post No. 2.	
6	4	22d " "	"	" 16, "	" "	
7	5	18th " "	"	" 19, "	" "	
8	6	14th " "	"	" 20, "	" "	
9	7	Gettysburg.	Adams.	" 24, "	Dept. Illinois.	
10	8	12th Ward. Phil.	Philada.	Dec. 1, "	S. O. No. 1.	
11	9	Norristown.	M'tgom'ry	" " "	" " "	
12	10	21st W'rd, Phila.	Philada.	" 7, "	" " 2.	
13	11	Allentown.	Lehigh.	" 10, "	" " 3.	
14	12	Philipsburg.	Centre.	" 11, "	" " 4,	Not yet mustered
15	13	21st Ward Phil.	Philada.	" 12, "	" " 5,	
16	14	Reading.	Berks.	" " "	" " "	
17	15	Minersville.	Schuylkill	" " "	" " "	
18	16	24th Ward, Phil.	Philada.	" 19, "	" " 7.	
19	17	20th " "	"	" 22, "	" " 9.	
20	18	Hazelton.	Luzerne.	" 24, "	" " 10.	
21	19	Darby.	Delaware.	Jan. 7, 1867.	" " 12.	Not yet mustered.
22	20	Danville,	Montour.	" 10. "	" " 13.	

*The numbers given in the second column, were afterwards changed to correspond with those in the first column in accordance with the instructions given the Commander at the First Convention.

The location of the Posts added, with the corresponding changes of numbers, are more fully given in the Report of A. A. G., page 19.

"G."

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.,
Philadelphia, December 20th, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3. } All Posts within this Department will select Delegates in accordance with Art. XVIII, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, adopted at Indianapolis, on Nov. 21, 1866, to meet in Convention, in this city, on Wednesday, January 16th, 1867, for the purpose of electing Department Officers.

Post Commanders will issue to such delegates the necessary credentials, and report their selection to these Headquarters.

By order of

LOUIS WAGNER,
Prov. Depart. Commander.

JAMES GIVIN,
A. Assist. Adj. General.

The report of the Assist. Q. M. General was then read.

(See Consolidated Report, Appendix.)

The reports of the Provisional Commander and Asst. Q. M. General were referred to the Council of Administration.

The Convention then proceeded to the nomination of Department Officers.

The following nominations were made:

Grand Commander—Louis Wagner, James S. Negley.
Senior Vice Grand Commander—Joshua T. Owen, Clayton MacMichael.
Junior Vice Grand Commander—S. Irvin Givin, Wash. M. Worrall, Robt. B. Beath.
Assist. Adjt. General—James Givin, H. C. Grossman.
Assist. Q. M. General—Wm. J. Mackey.
Council of Administration—James M. McGee, Wash. M. Worrall, Walter H. Seip, S. B. Wylie Mitchell, E. H. Rauch, L. D. Wilson.

The following comrades were appointed to conduct the election:

Judge—Comrade Chas. N. Brumm.
Inspectors—Comrade H. C. Wagner, Geo. T. Morgan.

The officers conducting the election announced the following result:

For Grand Commander	Comrade Louis Wagner	received	20	votes.
	" Jas. S. Negley	"	5	"
For Senior V. G. Commander	Comrade Clayton MacMichael	"	11	"
	" Joshua T. Owen	"	10	"
For Junior V. G. Commander	Comrade S. Irvin Givin	"	5	"
	" Wash. M. Worrall	"	7	"
	" Robt. B. Beath	"	9	"
For Assist. Adjt. General	Comrade James Givin	"	16	"
	" H. C. Grossman	"	2	"

For A. Q. M. General—There being but one candidate, the A. A. General was directed to cast the vote of the convention for Comrade Wm. J. Mackey.

For Council of Administration	Comrade J. M. McGee	rec'd	17	votes,	elected
	" Wash. M. Worrall	"	14	"	
	" W. H. Seip	"	17	"	elected.
	" S. B. Wylie Mitchell	"	20	"	do
	" E. H. Rauch	"	20	"	do
	" L. D. Wilson	"	14	"	

There having been no election for Junior Vice Grand Commander and part of the Council of Administration, a second ballot was ordered with the following result;

For Junior V. G. Commander.....Comrade Wash. M. Worrall received 7 votes.
" Robt. B. Beath " 16 "
" Scattering " 1 "
For Council of Administration.....Comrade Wash. M. Worrall received 10 "
" L. D. Wilson " 12 "

The following Comrades were then declared duly elected:

Grand Commander—Comrade Louis Wagner.
Senior Vice Grand Commander—Comrade Clayton MacMichael.
Junior Vice Grand Commander—Comrade Robt. B. Beath.
Assistant Adjutant General—Comrade James Givin.
Assistant Q. M. General—Comrade Wm. J. Mackey.
Council of Administration—Comrade J. M. McGee.
" W. H. Seip.
" S. B. Wylie Mitchell.
" E. H. Rauch.
" L. D. Wilson.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to nominate a Surgeon General and Chaplain General.

The following nominations were made:

For Surgeon General—Comrade Lewis Read, M. D.
" Wm. J. McGrath.
Chaplain General—Comrade Rev. Geo. Collins.

There being no opposition for Chaplain General, the A. A. G. was directed to east the vote of the Convention for Comrade Rev. Geo. Collins, who was declared duly elected.

For Surgeon General—Comrade Lewis Read, M. D., received 12 votes.
" Wm. J. McGrath " 2 "

Comrade Lewis Read was declared duly elected.

A communication enclosing a lithograph copy of the badge of the G. A. R. was received from the G. A. R. Badge Manufacturing Company. The badge was submitted to the Convention for inspection.

Grand Commander Louis Wagner then thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him; and referred briefly to the spreading of the Grand Army.

The Senior Vice Grand Commander also delivered a brief address.

Comrade S. B. Wylie Mitchell presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the paper called the *Soldier's Weekly Messenger*, edited by our Comrade, the Rev. Geo. Collins, be and is hereby recommended to the Grand Army of the Republic of Pennsylvania, as the official organ of the Department.

Which was adopted.

On motion it was agreed that the *per capita tax* on Posts, be ten per cent. on their total receipts.

A communication from Chaplain General Rev. Geo. Collins was then read, thanking the Convention for their action in regard to his paper.

Comrade Clayton MacMichael was then appointed a committee to endeavor to secure a reduction of fare on the railroads, for the delegates from the interior of the State.

Comrade L. E. Dudley of Washington, D. C., was introduced, and made some remarks in reference to the organ of the G. A. R., *The Great Republic.*

Short addresses were also made by Comrade James Givin and Rev. Geo. Collins.

On motion, the Grand Commander was directed to number the Posts according to the date of the organization.

The Convention then adjourned.

JAMES GIVIN,
Assist. Adjt. General.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Second Convention

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

PHILADELPHIA, JULY 17th, 1867.

The Convention assembled at 505 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, on the above date, and was called to order by Comrade Louis Wagner, Grand Commander, who directed Comrade Albert S. Evans, in the absence of the Assist. Adjt. General, Comrade James Givin to read the following General Order convening the Convention:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.,
Philadelphia, May 15th, 1867.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 11. } All Posts within this Department will select delegates in accordance with Art. 18, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, adopted at Indianapolis, on November 21st, 1866, to meet in Convention in this City, on Wednesday, July 17th, 1867.

Post Commanders will issue to such delegates the necessary credentials, and report their selection to these Headquarters.

By order of

LOUIS WAGNER,
Grand Commander.

JAMES GIVIN,
Assist. Adjutant General.

The Grand Commander appointed Comrade R. L. Bodine, Post No. 2, as Officer of the Day, who posted Comrade Dudley Worman, Post No. 19, as Sentinel, and then made the grand rounds, reporting all present to be members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades John F. Hartranft, Post No. 11, James T. Mitchell, Post No. 64, and Wash. M. Worrall, Post. No. 19, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who examined the credentials of those present and made the following report:

We, the Committee on Credentials, respectfully report the following list of delegates to the Department Convention, as exhibited by the credentials presented by the same:

No.	Name.
1	Henry H. Bingham,
	Meyer Asch,
2	Joshua T. Owen,
	Frederick Boland,
	S. B. Wylie Mitchell,
	Robert L. Bodine,
	Edwin R. Biles,
3	A. M. Barr,
	Jos. H. Gray,
	C. J. Barr,
	E. T. Cook,
5	John T. Brady,
	J. T. Pratt,
6	Marshall C. Hong,
	James Byram,
7	Chas. M. Willingmeyer,
8	Geo. P. McLean,
	Wm. D. Connelly,
9	John M. Krauth,
11	John F. Hartranft,
	James Dykes,
	Wm. Allebaugh,
	R. T. Stewart,
	W. H. Yerkes,
12	Wm. M. Runkel,
13	Wm. D. Beeder,
	Wm. J. Weiss,
	Chas. Bachman,
15	Samuel Wrigley,
	David S. Ayers,
	Geo. C. Brown,
	George B. Mitchell,
	George Raynor,
	John F. Meridith,
17	Chas. N. Brumm,
	Jas. H. Levan,
18	Wm. Letford,
	Samuel R. Jamison,
19	Harry E. Rulon,
	J. E. McCarty,
	W. M. Worrall,
20	Robert Boston,
	R. F. Russel,
21	Wm. H. Litzenberg,
22	John C. Millhouse,
	James Foster,
23	Charles E. Beck,
24	James R. Gilmore,
	J. S. Maurer,
	Henry Strickler,
25	Thomas Chambers,
	Wm. Taylor,
	Thos. M. Allen,
26	James K. Helms,
27	John W. Simpson,
29	Isaac J. Burton,
31	Jas. E. McFarlan,
	Francis H. Taggart,
34	Wm. N. Martin,
	George H. Jones,
35	J. R. Oxley,
	John S. Edgar,
37	Wm. H. Lammis,
	Wm. G. Irwin,
	E. W. Spangler,
40	F. A. Keen,
41	C. W. Tyler,
42	J. P. S. Gobin,
	J. W. Hunicker,
45	Emnor K. Ramsey,
	Frederick A. Tencate,
46	Francis K. Duke,
	Wm. M. Cain,
47	David J. Price,
	Samuel Winn,
	H. B. Sessinger,
51	Henry J. Stager,
52	Geo. A. Slifer,
53	W. Cokayne Frith,
55	Joseph W. Gibson,
	Jacob R. Sackett,
57	John A. Templeton,
58	Lane S. Hart,
	John T. Boyle,
59	Simon H. Clouser,
60	George V. Miller,
	Frank W. Morgan,
61	J. Ret. Boyle,
63	Richard P. Wylie,
64	James T. Mitchell,
67	C. W. Keller.

JOHN F. HARTRANFT,
WASH. M. WORRALL,
JAMES T. MITCHELL,
Committee.

The roll of delegates was called by the Asst. Adjt. General, after which the Chaplain General, Rev. Geo. Collins led in prayer.

Grand Commander Louis Wagner presented the following report.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philadelphia, June 30th, 1867.

To the Delegates of the Second Semi-Annual Convention of the Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADES:—We meet under gratifying circumstances. Our organization has grown from eighteen (18) Posts, which we numbered at our meeting in January last to seventy (70) Posts at this date. It is established throughout our Commonwealth upon a firm pecuniary basis, and it requires but little more effort on our part to enroll in our army, all who honorably served our country.

Since our last Convention, I have been approached by some of our prominent citizens with proposals of co-operation of our Grand Army, with the Union League of America, upon the basis of Sec. 6. Art. II., of our Constitution.

After consultation with them in connection with our Council of Administration and my personal staff, I have the honor to lay before you a communication from the officers of the State Council of the Union League of America, for which I ask your favorable consideration.

I present herewith the resignation of Comrade Robert B. Beath, Junior Vice Grand Commander, which has been accepted by the Council of Administration, subject to your approval.

Several communications have been received from District Commanders, touching the expenses of their Headquarters, under Sec. 5, Art. XIII, of our Constitution. No action has been had in this matter, and I would suggest the settlement of this question at your hands.

I also lay before you certain General Orders—Nos. 39 and 40—from Army Headquarters, with which I have not as yet complied, they being to my mind somewhat in conflict with Sec. 6, Art. XII, and Sec. 3, Art. XIV, of our Constitution. Will you not give the subject attention, and instruct me definitely in the premises?

A conference of Department Commanders was held in this city in June last. But four (4) Departments were represented. An informal committee was appointed with instructions to revise the Ritual and report at the next General Convention.

I subsequently asked the Commander-in-Chief, Comrade S. A. Hurlbut to call this General Convention in this city, in September next, but have thus far had no reply.

In anticipation of this Convention, you are called upon to elect delegates in accordance with Art. XIX of our Constitution, to hold office until January next.

I submit herewith reports of our Assist. Adjt. General and Assist. Q. M. General, and copies of orders issued, to which I refer you for a detailed statement of our operations for the past six months.

To these officers, as well as to the Council of Administration and the members of my personal staff, I am under many obligations for counsel and assistance.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

LOUIS WAGNER,
Grand Commander.

Report of Assistant Adjutant General:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Philadelphia, June 30th, 1867.

General Louis Wagner,
Grand Commander, Dept. of Penna., Grand Army of the Republic.—

Comrade:—I have the honor respectfully to report that there are now chartered, and in thorough operation, within this Department, seventy (70) Posts, located in twenty-nine (29) counties, representing thirty-one (31) districts.

The returns for the quarter ending this date, have not yet reached these Headquarters, therefore I am unable to state the exact number of members on the rolls.

On March 31st, we numbered one thousand four hundred and nine (1409) in forty-nine (49) Posts. From the few returns received last quarter, I should estimate our present membership at three thousand five hundred (3500.)

Our organization is progressing favorably, and I am sure that with a little effort on the part of all our members, we can secure Posts in each county of our Commonwealth.

I transmit herewith the report of Comrade W. J. Mackey, Assistant Quarter Master General.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES GIVIN,
Assist. Adjutant General.

(For Assist. Quartermaster General's report, see consolidated report, Appendix.)

On motion of Comrade Joshua T. Owen, each of the above reports was referred to a committee of three Comrades.

The following were appointed committees:

On the report of the Grand Commander, Comrades Joshua T. Owen of Post No. 2, E. T. Cook, Post No. 3, and Wm. Taylor, Post No. 25.

On the report of the Assist. Adjt. General, Comrades C. W. Keller of Post No. 67, William H. Litzenberg, Post No. 21, and Wm. W. Letford of Post No. 18.

On the report of the Assist. Q. M. General, Comrades James Byram, Post No. 6, Frank H. Taggart, Post No. 31, and Meyer Asch of Post No. 1.

The resignation of Comrade Robt. B. Beath, Junior V. Grand Commander (on account of accepting position of A. A. A. G., District Middle Philadelphia,) was submitted and on motion accepted.

The Convention proceeded to an election to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Comrade R. B. Beath.

The following Comrades were nominated for Junior Vice Grand Commander.

Comrades A. L. Pearson and E. A. Montooth, Post No. 3.

The following Comrades were appointed to conduct the election:

Judge,	Comrade	S. Irvin Givin,	Post,	No. 12.
Inspectors	"	C. J. Barr,	"	" 3.
	"	James Dykes,	"	" 11.

The result of the election was announced as follows:

Comrade	A. L. Pearson	received 51	votes.
"	E. A. Montooth	" 16	"

Comrade A. L. Pearson having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Junior Vice Grand Commander for the balance of the term.

On motion of Comrade A. M. Barr, of Post No. 3, the following Committee was appointed to wait on Comrade Pearson and inform him of his election as Junior Vice Grand Commander.

Comrade	A. M. Barr,	Post	No. 3.
"	Rev. J. F. Meredith,	"	" 15.
"	Joseph T. Pratt,	"	" 5.

The Convention proceeded to nominate and elect delegates to the National Convention of the Grand Army.

The following were nominated:

Delegates at Large,	Comrade	Jno. F. Hartranft,	Post	No.	11.
	"	E. A. Montooth,	"	"	3.
Delegates,	Comrade	Joshua T. Owen,	Post	No.	2.
	"	Wm. D. Reeder,	"	"	13.
	"	J. R. Dobson,	"	"	45.
	"	H. S. Thomas,	"	"	31.
	"	J. T. Pratt,	"	"	5.
	"	A. L. Pearson,	"	"	3.
	"	Rev. J. F. Meredith,	"	"	15.
	"	J. P. S. Gobin,	"	"	42.
	"	Wash. M. Worrall	"	"	19.

The Convention proceeded to elect one delegate at large and four delegates, from those nominated, with the following result.

Delegates at Large,	Comrade	Jno. F. Hartranft	rec'd	60	votes
	"	E. A. Montooth	"	10	"
Delegates,	Comrade	Joshua T. Owen	rec'd	56	votes.
	"	E. A. Montooth,	"	65	"
	"	Jno. R. Dobson,	"	15	"
	"	Wm. D. Reeder,	"	25	"
	"	H. S. Thomas,	"	7	"
	"	J. T. Pratt,	"	21	"
	"	A. L. Pearson,	"	2	"
	"	J. F. Meredith,	"	46	"
	"	J. P. S. Gobin,	"	29	"
	"	Wash. M. Worrall,	"	30	"

The following were declared duly elected having received the majority of votes cast.

Delegate at Large,	Comrade	John. F. Hartranft,	Post	No.	11.
Delegates,	"	Joshua T. Owen,	"	"	2.
	"	E. A. Montooth,	"	"	3.
	"	Rev. J. F. Meredith,	"	"	15.
	"	Wash. M. Worrall,	"	"	19.

It was on motion,

Resolved, That if any of the delegates be unable to attend the National Convention, the Council of Administration be authorized to fill vacancies, choosing those having the highest number of votes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Convention are directed to urge the adoption of amendments to the Constitution, giving Posts authority to select delegates living at the points where the Convention is held.

The Committee on the report of the Grand Commander presented the following.

Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, beg leave respectfully to report:

That after mature deliberation, the committee is unable to discover any substantial arguments in favor of a co-operation in any way with the Union League of America, or any purely political body.

There is probably, a strong sympathy existing between the two bodies, but ours is not a political organization, and doubtless many of our members differ upon questions of politics. Our grand object is the cultivation and maintenance of a spirit of loyalty to the government, and the protection of the interests of

honorably discharged soldiers and sailors and their widows and orphans. The committee submit the following resolutions for the action of the convention:

Resolved, That it is deemed inexpedient to elect delegates to a Convention to be held at Harrisburg, to be composed of delegates from the Union League of America and of the Grand Army of the Republic, to devise a plan of co-operation on subjects common to both, inasmuch as it is believed that each body will be able to accomplish more good by acting independent of the other.

Resolved, That the regulation of the expenses of District Headquarters be referred to the Council of Administration with power to act.

Resolved, That General Orders, No. 39 and 40, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, clearly conflicts with Sec. 6, Art. VIII, and Sec. 3, Art. XIV, of the Constitution. The Grand Commander is hereby instructed to communicate with the Commander-in-Chief, and request an explanation in the premises.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,
WM. TAYLOR,
E. T. COOK,
Committee.

The report was received and the Committee discharged.

The resolutions attached to the report were taken up *seriatim* and adopted.

On motion, the Grand Commander was instructed to inform the Committee representing the Union League of America, of the action of this Convention touching the communication inviting our co-operation.

Committee on the report of the Asst. Adjt. General presented the following as their report:

COMRADES:—Your committee appointed to examine the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, report that they have examined the same and recommend its adoption.

C. W. KELLER,
WILLIAM LETFORD,
WM. H. LITZENBERG,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on the Asst. Quartermaster General's report presented the following:

The Committee on the Assistant Q. M. General's Report, have the honor to state that they have carefully examined the report, and find the following errors:

Instead of $1,058.16 having been received, it should be $958.16.

Instead of $857.37 having been expended, it should be $757.37, leaving a balance of $200.79. (See note.)

MEYER ASCH,
FRANK H. TAGGART,
JAMES BYRAM,
Committee.

(NOTE.—This error was occasioned by charging $100 to a wrong account, and afterwards transferring it to its proper place, and crediting the account so charged.)

The report was accepted and committee discharged.

After some general remarks by the Grand Commander, urging promptness in making returns, and activity in spreading the organization, the Convention adjourned.

JAMES GIVIN,
Asst. Adjt. General.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Third Convention,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 29, 1868.

The Convention assembled at 505 Chestnut st., Philadelphia, at 10 o'clock, on the above date, and was called to order by Grand Commander Louis Wagner.

Comrade James K. Helms, Post 26, was appointed as Officer of the Day, and Comrades Dudley Worman, F. J. Wonderly, and Wm. J. Canning of Post No. 19, as Sentinels.

The grand rounds was made by the Officer of the Day, and all present reported members of the G. A. R.

The following were appointed a committee on credentials:

Comrade	Wash. M. Worrall,	Post No. 19.
"	Robt. B. Beath,	" " 23.
"	A. Patterson,	" " 88.

On motion of Comrade MacMichael, Senior Vice Grand Commander, the Committee was instructed to add the names of all the delegates who had been sent to represent fractional numbers, on their report.

The Committee then reported the following Comrades, entitled to seats in the Convention as delegates:—

Post.	Name.
1	Clayton MacMichael,
	Charles M. Prevost,
	George G. Rosengarten,
2	S. B. Wylie Mitchell,
	Edwin R. Biles,
	Frederick Boland,
	Jacob M. Gilbert,
3	Lee S. Smith,
	George B. Gray,
	William F. Hood,
	John C. Morris,
5	Joseph T. Pratt,
	Joseph S. Everton,
	Joseph C. Tittermary,
6	H. Oscar Roberts,
	Oscar Bolton,
	James Byram,
7	Jacob M. Davis,
8	G. P. McLean,
	Joseph Matthews,
	E. D. Buckman,
	G. L. Parker,
9	Wm. P. McCartney,
11	Wm. Allebaugh,
	Wm. H. Yerkes.
	John F. Hartranft,
	W. J. Bolton,
	James Dykes,
13	B. C. Roth,
	Jas. B. Hammersly,
	Walter H. Seip,
14	Wm. S. Sterrett,
15	John Walters,
	Richard Righter,
	Robert Peal,
	Geo. Raynor,
	Hiram Dickey,

Post.	Name.
16	John Fritz,
	George W. Grant,
	Thomas D. Webber,
	W. K. Burkhardt,
	J. Ross Miller,
	Benj. D. Humming,
18	Wm. T. Forbes,
	Henry Connor,
	George B. Culp,
19	Wash. M. Worrall,
	Henry Robinson,
	Charles D. Foy,
	Harry E. Rulon,
	J. E. McCarty,
	D. B. Meany,
20	J. Sharon Nair,
	N. Moyer,
21	Wm. H. Litzenberg,
22	Wm. W. Hughes,
	George Lovett,
23	Z. P. Boyer,
	Wm. C. Griffith,
	B. Reilly,
	Robert B. Beath,
25	Alexander King,
	Theo. S. Christ,
	George W. Wilson,
26	Jas. K. Helms,
	James Kirkpatrick,
27	Jas. Underdue,
29	Isaac J. Burton,
31	Geo. F. Smith,
	Hampton S. Thomas,
	David Jones,
	Frank C. Hooton,
	Ch. W. Coward,
34	Wm. N. Martin,
	John West,
35	Joseph R. Oxley,
	Augustus Beckert,
	D. A. Jones,
	Alfred Kredel,
	Chas. A. Miller,
	——— McHenry,
37	Wm. H. Lannis,
	H. S. McNair,
38	S. W. Reynolds,
	George F. Morgan,
39	S. A. Fulton,
41	S. F. Shoemaker,
42	Charles R. Light,
43	S. H. Yocum,
	M. M. L'Velle,
	John Murphy,
45	J. W. Kurtz,
	N. A. Pennypacker,
46	Isaac F. Shaner,
	Francis K. Duke,
47	Thomas M. Nichols,
	J. B. McBride,
	John Murphy,
	A. C. Detweiler,
54	J. S. Stott,
55	Jacob R. Sackett,
	Joseph W. Gibson,
58	Thomas J. Jordan,
	J. N. Blondin,
64	J. T. Mitchell,
	Frank J. Burrowes,
65	M. S. Shoch,
67	W. W. Lyon,
	J. C. Hilton,
	R. DeCharms,
71	——— Bastin,
	Thomas McLeester,
72	J. Anderson,
74	Wm. F. Donly,
75	W. W. Gibson,
77	P. J. Wholeslagle,
78	J. Rehrer,
	J. K. Shott,
	W. H. Embich,
79	P. H. Lynch,
	Wm. B. Mingueeser,
80	Wm. H. Fray,
	Samuel Kelly,
81	Alex. H. McHenry,
84	W. W. Hopkins,
	J. K. Rutter,
	B. F. Baer,
86	John K. Bricker,
88	Abram Patterson,
	Reuben Bartley,
	Benjamin Louther,
89	J. B. Smith,
	Jno. R. Davis,
92	J. M. John,
	H. B. Mussing,
95	S. B. Kuehner,
98	Edwin M. Hoffman.

Comrade W. M. Worrall, Post 19, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rules of the House of Representatives be adopted for the government of the Convention.

Adopted.

Comrade Lovett of Post 22 presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Post represented in this Convention, be allowed to cast the full number of votes to which they are entitled by their quarterly returns.

Decided out of order; from which decision Comrade Lovett appealed to the Convention.

On the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" the vote stood Yeas, 65 and Nays 45. So the decision of the chair was sustained.

On motion of Comrade Clayton MacMichael, S. V. G. C., the Commanders of Districts, Staff Officers, and Representatives from other Departments were admitted to seats on the floor.

On motion of Comrade Buckman of Post 8, it was agreed that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Commander presented the following report;

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philadelphia, January 28th, 1868.

To the Department Convention of Pennsylvania, G. A. R.:

COMRADES: When one year since, I was called by your votes to the responsible position of Commander of this Department, I assumed the duties of my office with doubt and distrust of my abilities to establish, on a firm basis, our organization, and even when in July last, I was able to report the establishment of seventy Posts in twenty-eight counties of our Commonwealth, the permanent success of our Grand Army was still uncertain; but now at the close of the first year of our existence, with Posts established all over our State, we have become a fixed fact, an institution sure to continue as long as the defenders of our Union remain in sufficient numbers to hold a charter.

The A. A. G., Comrade James Givin, in the report of his department, which is herewith submitted for your consideration, informs us of the establishment of ninety-five Posts, located in thirty-six counties, and having 4,369 members. This number has since the date of his report, (Dec. 31st, 1867,) been increased to one hundred and one Posts in thirty-seven counties, with 4,578 members. Steps have been and are now being taken to establish our Order in the counties still unoccupied, and I trust that when we again assemble in Annual Convention, there will not be a town or village in all Pennsylvania, without its Post of the G. A. R.

For the report of Comrade Wm. J. Mackey, Assist. Q. M. General, which is found herewith, I ask your attentive consideration, for only by a strict and sound financial policy, can we hope to make the G. A. R. successful and prosperous.

Comrade Mackey's report shows a receipt from all sources of...	$1,636 36
Total expenditure of.....	1,413 13
Leaving a balance of.....	$223 23

This is a gratifying exhibit, especially when we consider the necessarily large expenditures in the inauguration of an Order like ours, and the fact that the taxation of our Posts was placed at the lowest constitutional limit.

During the latter part of the year, I established an Inspector General's Department, with Comrade A. M. K. Storrie as Assistant Inspector General. This Department is of too recent an origin for much service during the year just closed, but having been made a Constitutional department by the late National Convention, it can be made a means of much good during the year upon which we are about to enter.

Traveling and withdrawal cards have often been inquired for by the Posts. This want has been met by the printing of such cards. A copy accompanies this report. An edition of 2,500 is now ready for distribution to the Posts at ten cents per copy.

A careful examination of the general and special order books, letters and communications received, and the books of the A. Q. M. General by a committee you may see proper to appoint for that purpose, will show in detail the administration of affairs in this department by the Council of Administration, my staff and myself during the year.

While these reports show the prosperity of the G. A. R. of this Department, they also show that many of the Posts are exceedingly negligent in making proper returns. This causes much additional labor at the Department Headquarters, renders our records incomplete, and will exclude Posts under the Revised Regulations from representation in the Department Conventions.

As you are undoubtedly aware the Headquarters of the Department have been, and are now at my office, at No. 204 S. 4th Street. I am not aware that the business of our Order has suffered by such location; but I *do* know that some money has been saved to our treasury, by the use of my safe, furniture, &c., and also by the saving of rent. It has been a source of gratification to me to serve the G. A. R. in this manner, but I beg respectfully to suggest that you consider whether Headquarters should continue, as heretofore, at the office of the Grand Commander, whoever may be selected to that position, or whether the Department can afford at this time the establishing of an office of its own.

I would also suggest the appointment of a committee to draft By-Laws for the government of this Department, containing among other items, a provision for the time and place of holding the Annual and Semi-Annual Conventions, and fixing the rate of taxation, which should be, I think, twenty cents per member per annum—payable quarterly.

The last National Convention of the G. A. R. was held in this city on the 15th inst. It was a pleasing surprise that it was so ordered by the Commander-in-Chief, and afforded our members an opportunity of taking by the hand many of their former comrades-in-arms, and of learning more thoroughly from the originators of the G. A. R., its objects and workings. The sessions of the National Convention continued three days, and were on the whole harmonious and enthusiastic.

A much needed revision of the ritual was had, and an installation and funeral service were added.

I am officially informed that both the Commander-in-Chief, Comrade John A. Logan, and his Adjutant General, Comrade N. P. Chipman, (Headquarters, Washington, D. C.,) are hurrying the Revised Ritual through the press, and that it will be issued at an early day.

The Constitution was also amended in several particulars, the most important of them making the G. A. R. a non-partisan organization; also abolishing district organizations, making the office of the A. A. G. an appointed one; creating the offices of Assistant Inspector General, Assistant Surgeon General and Chaplain in Departments, Sergeant Major and Quartermaster Sergeant in Posts, and making dues to the Department and G. A. R. *per capita*, instead of percentage; to the former not less than ten cents per annum upon each member, and to the latter two cents per annum upon each member, this last sum to be paid out of the Department Treasury—fixing the election of officers for December and June, and the sessions of the National Encampment for the second Wednesday of May in each year—the next to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1869. The revised Constitution is also being printed at Army Headquarters, and will be ready for general distribution very soon.

It has been a matter of frequent occurrence, that comrades from other Departments, and from our own, have reported at our Headquarters destitute of money and friends, and desiring help. To accommodate cases of this kind, I have been able to make arrangements with the various R. R. Co.'s for the purchase of tickets at half fare. It was for this purpose that most of the expenditures reported as "charity" by the A. Q. M. General were made.

It is a matter of regret, that in a statement so gratifying as this report, anything of a disagreeable character should be introduced, but in justice to myself, I must refer to two subjects, which have caused some ill feeling and censure of my actions. The first of these, now made an impossible cause of contention in the future by constitutional enactment, is politics. In September last, upon request of Post No. 1, with favorable endorsement by the Commander of the District of Lower Philadelphia, and the unanimous approval of my Staff and Council of Administration, I called a convention of three delegates from each Post, located within the County of Philadelphia, for the purpose of taking action, if deemed desirable by said convention, in view of the approaching State election. As a result of said convention, a mass meeting, said to have been the largest but one ever held in Philadelphia, was called at National Hall, and a series of resolutions adopted with but the delegation of one Post dissenting, were published to the Posts in Philadelphia County. An examination of the Orders in

the case, copies of which are herewith presented, will convince, I think, that the action of the Philaedlphia Posts was perfectly legitimate and proper. The mass meeting spoken of adjourned after speeches from Generals Farnsworth of Illinois, and John W. Geary, of Pennsylvania, to the Union League, on Broad street, to serenade Major Generals Phil. H. Sheridan and Danl. E. Sickles. The whole was a grand success, and did much to elevate our G. A. R. in the minds of the people.

The second cause arose from the fact that when I assumed command of this Department as Provisional Commander, there were, or claimed to be, in existence, four organizations all claiming priority and asking to be numbered "one."

Two of these were numbered "one" and "two" respectively, by Special Orders from Army Headquarters, thus disposing of their claims so far, at least, as I was concerned, while all other Posts were chartered and numbered in the order in which their applications reached Department Headquarters. I should esteem it a personal favor were this subject referred to a committee for investigation, so that the comrades who have so frequently charged me with favoritism, could be shown to be in error.

I cannot omit, in conclusion, to tender my thanks to my Staff and Council of Administration, for their advice and co-operation during the past year of my administration. Much of our success is due to their efforts and to the efforts of those of my District Commanders, who, "faithful among the faithless found," labored early and late for the extension of our noble Order, and I express the hope that those who will come after them, will labor as faithfully as they have done to extend its area of usefulness.

Comrades, let us in our deliberations to-day, keep in view the glorious objects for which we are associated, and let our legislation and deliberations all tend to the hastening of that day, when all who rallied to the defence of our nationality, and who still profess the principles for which they exposed their bodies to the enemy, shall be found enrolled as soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
LOUIS WAGNER,
Grand Commander.

The Asst. Adjt. General, Comrade James Givin then read the following report:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, December 31st, 1867.

LOUIS WAGNER,
Grand Commander, Dept. Penna.:

COMRADE:—I would respectfully present the following as my report for the past year:

There are now chartered and in existence, ninety-five Posts, located as follows:

No.	Town.	County.	No.	Town.	County.
1	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia.	14	Philipsburg,	Centre,
2	"	"	15	Manayunk,	Philadelphia,
3	Pittsburgh,	Allegheny,	16	Reading,	Berks,
4	"	"	17	Minersville,	Schuylkill,
5	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,	18	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,
6	Germantown,	"	19	"	"
7	Philadelphia,	"	20	Hazleton,	Luzerne,
8	"	"	21	Darby,	Delaware,
9	Gettysburg,	Adams,	22	Danville,	Montour,
10	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,	23	Pottsville,	Schuylkill,
11	Norristown,	Montgomery,	24	Chambersburg,	Franklin.
12	Roxborough,	Philadelphia,	25	Chester,	Delaware.
13	Allentown,	Lehigh,	26	Schuylkill Haven,	Schuylkill.

No.	Town.	County.
27	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia.
28	Selinsgrove,	Snyder.
29	Cressona,	Schuylkill.
30	Johnstown,	Cambria.
31	West Chester,	Chester.
32	Tamaqua,	Schuylkill.
33	Huntingdon,	Huntingdon.
34	Weatherly,	Carbon.
35	Allegheny City,	Allegheny.
36	Pittsburgh,	"
37	York,	York.
38	Lawrensville,	Allegheny.
39	Hollidaysburg,	Blair.
40	Liverpool,	Perry.
41	Montrose,	Susquehanna.
42	Lebanon,	Lebanon.
43	Ashland,	Schuylkill.
44	Braddock's Field,	Allegheny.
45	Phœnixville,	Chester.
46	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia.
47	St. Clair,	Schuylkill.
48	Greencastle,	Franklin.
49	Mercersburg,	Franklin.
50	Titusville,	Crawford.
51	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia.
52	Lewisburg,	Union.
53	Susque. Depot,	Susquehanna.
54	Coatesville,	Chester.
55	Frankford,	Philadelphia.
56	Middleburg,	Snyder.
57	Washington.	Washington.
58	Harrisburg,	Dauphin.
59	Llewellyn,	Schuylkill.
60	Mon'ghela City,	Washington.
61	Mauch Chunk,	Carbon.
62	Altoona,	Blair.
63	Holmesburg,	Philadelphia.
64	Williamsport,	Lycoming.
65	New Berlin,	Union.
66	New Buffalo,	Perry.
67	Erie,	Erie.
68	Towanda,	Bradford.
69	Erie,	Erie.
70	Corry,	"
71	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia.
72	Hughesville,	Lycoming.
73	Sharon,	Mercer.
74	Catasauqua,	Lehigh.
75	New Castle,	Lawrence.
76	Annville,	Lebanon.
77	Osceola,	Clearfield.
78	Middletown,	Dauphin.
79	Conshohocken,	Montgomery.
80	West Chester,	Chester.
81	Jersey Shore,	Lycoming.
82	Jonestown,	Lebanon.
83	Shippensburg,	Cumberland.
84	Lancaster,	Lancaster.
85	Palmyra,	Lebanon.
86	Leesport,	Berks.
87	Litiz,	Lancaster.
88	Allegheny City,	Allegheny.
89	Pittston,	Luzerne.
90	Bellefonte,	Centre.
91	Allegheny City,	Allegheny.
92	Mt. Carmel,	Northumber'd.
93	Myerstown,	Lebanon.
94	Manayunk,	Philadelphia.
95	Kridersville,	Northampton.

Showing in their last reports a total membership of 4,369.

Many of the Posts are very derelict in making reports, which fact causes vexatious delays in the operations of this department. It is to be hoped that the clause in the Revised Regulations excluding Posts in arrears for dues and reports, from the meetings of the Department will have a salutary effect.

The following quarterly returns are due. Will not the delegates representing the Posts in default, see that they are promptly made, so that the records of the Department may be completed?

Reports due for March, 1867, Posts Nos. 3, 5, 7, 27, 36, 39, 48.

For June, 1867, Posts Nos. 4, 7, 14, 28, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 44, 50, 51, 55, 61, 62, 65.

For September, 1867, Posts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 21, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 62, 63, 66, 73, 76, 78, 82, 83.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

JAMES GIVIN,

Assist. Adjt. General.

Note.—The following returns have been received since the date of this report:

For March 31, 1867,.....Post No. 7.
" June, 30, " .....Post No. 7 and 14.
" Sept. 30, " .....Post No. 7, 14 and 35.

(For report of Assist. Q. M. General, see Consolidated Report, Appendix.)

The Asst. Inspector General then submitted a verbal report of his operations during the year.

On motion of Comrade Robt. B. Beath, a committee of three was appointed to examine the above reports. The Grand Commander appointed Comrades R. B. Beath, Post 23, J. R. Oxley, Post 35, and H. S. Thomas, Post 31, on said Committee.

Comrade Wash. M. Worrall, Post 19, presented the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft By-Laws for the Government of this Department, as recommended by the Grand Commander.

Which was adopted.

The following Committee was appointed:

Comrade Wash. M. Worrall,	Post	No. 19.
" N. A. Pennypacker,	"	" 45.
" S. F. Shoemaker,	"	" 41.
" Oscar Bolton,	"	" 6.
" George Lovett,	"	" 22.

Comrade S. B. W. Mitchell, Post 2, presented the following:

Resolved, That no Comrade be permitted to speak longer than five minutes on any question, without the consent of the Convention.

Agreed to.

Adjourned to meet at 2.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention re-assembled at 2½ o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Grand rounds were made by the Officer of the Day, and all present reported members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Joshua T. Owen, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, was introduced to the Convention, and made a few appropriate remarks.

Addresses were also made by Comrades Hooton, Jordan and Givin.

The Committee on the reports of the Grand Commander, A. A. G. and A. Q. M. Gen'l presented the following report, which was adopted and the Committee discharged:—

COMRADES:—Your committee beg leave to report that they have considered the reports of the Grand Commander, A. A. General, and A. Q. M. General, but not having the new Constitution and Ritual before them, to guide them in their deliberations, can only offer the following general resolutions:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Commander, in numbering the Posts, be approved.

The committee offer this because they fully believe that the Grand Commander acted impartially, and that a revival of the discussion on this subject, as asked for, will be detrimental to the interests of the Order.

In regard to the location of the office of Grand Commander, your committee deem it best that no change be made in this respect; that the Grand Commander have his office where it can be conducted properly and economically.

Resolved, That the subject of taxation and charity, be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Your committee also suggests that the Committee on By-Laws take definite action in regard to those Posts not making returns in the future.

Your committee believe that the representatives now present from Posts, who have not sent in their returns, should not be cut off from the privileges of full membership through no fault of theirs.

Your committee have not had time fully to examine the reports of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. General, but they fully believe that they are correct.

Resolved, That the reports of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. General, be approved.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be and hereby tendered to the Grand Officers for their faithful and meritorious services during the year.

ROBT. B. BEATH,
J. R. OXLEY,
H. S. THOMAS,
Committee.

On motion of Comrade Mitchell, of Post 64, the Convention proceeded to make nominations for Grand Officers.

The following nominations were made for Grand Commander:

Comrade A. L. Pearson,.....Post No. 3.
" Louis Wagner,..... " " 6.

The nominations were closed and Comrades Byram of Post 6, and Morgan of Post 38 were appointed tellers, who announced,

63 votes cast for.....Comrade A. L. Pearson.
51 " " " ..... " Louis Wagner.

The following nominations were made for Senior Vice Grand Commander.

Comrade W. J. Bolton,.....Post No. 11.
" R. L. Bodine,..... " " 2.
" Jas. L. Selfridge,..... " " 13.

Comrades Seip, Post 13, and Griffith, Post 23, were appointed tellers, who reported as follows:—

Comrade W. J. Bolton,.....Received 42 votes.
" R. L. Bodine,..... " 20 "
" Jas. L. Selfridge,..... " 48 "

There being no election, the Convention proceeded to a second ballot with the following result:

Comrade W. J. Bolton,.....Received 39 votes.
" Jas. L. Selfridge,..... " 66 "

The following were nominated for Junior Vice Grand Commander:

Comrade O. C. Bosbyshell,.....Post No. 23.
" W. M. Worrall,..... " " 19.
" Dudley Worman,..... " " 19.

Comrades Harry Rulon, Post 19, and Jas. K. Helms, Post 26, were appointed tellers, who announced the following result:

Comrade O. C. Bosbyshell,.....Received 31 votes.
" W. M. Worrall,..... " 62 "
" Dudley Worman,..... " 10 "

The following Comrades were nominated for Assistant Inspector General:—

Comrade A. M. K. Storrie,.....Post No. 19.
" J. R. Oxley,..... " " 35.

Comrades John Fritz, Post 16, and Geo. Culp, Post 18, were appointed tellers, who announced the following result:

Comrade A. M. K. Storrie,	Received	71 votes.
" J. R. Oxley,	"	27 "

Comrade Wm. J. Mackey was nominated for A. Q. M. General. There being no opposition, the A. A. G. was directed to cast the vote of the Convention, for Comrade Wm. J. Mackey.

The following nominations were made for Surgeon General:

Comrade S. B. W. Mitchell,	Post No.	2.
" T. B. Tweddle,	" "	34.
" W. Heslep,	" "	35.
" E. D. Buckman,	" "	8.

Comrades Smith of Post 31, and Matthews of Post 8, were appointed tellers, who announced the following result:

Comrade S. B. W. Mitchell,	Received	32 votes.
" E. D. Buckman,	"	12 "
" T. B. Tweddle,	"	3 "
" Wm. Heslep,	"	6 "

The following Comrades were declared duly elected the officers of the Department, for the ensuing term:

Grand Commander, A. L. Pearson	Post No.	3.
Senior V. G. Commander, Jas. L. Selfridge,	" "	13.
Junior V. G. Commander, W. M. Worrall,	" "	19.
Asst. Insp. General, A. M. K. Storrie,	" "	19.
A. Q. M. General, Wm. J. Mackey,	" "	8.
Assist. Surg. General, S. B. W. Mitchell,	" "	2.

It was ascertained that two persons had fraudulently obtained entrance to the room, obtaining the countersign from a delegate. The persons were immediately ejected, and the Comrade divulging the countersign to these parties, was tried by Court-martial, but in consequence of certain extenuating circumstances, the punishment ordered by the Court was modified by substituting that he be reprimanded by the Department Commander; and a severe reprimand was accordingly given.

Comrade Conner, of Post No. 18, moved that a committee of five (5) be appointed to wait on the Collector of the Port, and request the removal of those men in his employ, who had fraudulently gained admission into the sessions of this Convention.

Which was agreed to and the following committee appointed:

Comrade Henry Conner,	Post No.	18.
" C. M. Prevost,	" "	1.
" S. B. W. Mitchell,	" "	2.
" J. M. Davis,	" "	7.
" J. E. McCarty	" "	19.

On motion, the Grand Commander was added to the committee.

Comrade Jas. K. Helms, Post No. 26, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on By-Laws be instructed to report a decrease in the percentage for the dues to the Department.

Referred to Committee on By-Laws:

Comrade Rev. James Underdue, of Post No. 27, of Philadelphia, was then nominated and declared duly elected as Chaplain General for the Department.

The following nominations were made for Council of Administration:

Comrade J. R. Oxley,	Post	No. 35.
" J. E. McCarty,	"	" 19.
" Thomas McLeester,	"	" 71.
" J. R. Miller,	"	" 16.
" G. F. Smith,	"	" 31.
" G. W. Grant,	"	" 16.
" E. A. Montooth,	"	" 3.
" Dudley Worman,	"	" 19.
" A. Patterson,	"	" 88.
" F. K. Duke,	"	" 46.

After four ballots, the following were duly elected:

Comrade J. R. Oxley,	Post	No. 35.
" E. A. Montooth,	"	" 3.
" A. Patterson,	"	" 88.
" F. K. Duke,	"	" 46.
" G. F. Smith,	"	" 31.

Comrade James Givin, A. A. G., presented the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Comrade Jno. W. Geary, Governor of Pennsylvania, in the administration of the affairs of the State, has seen fit to withhold the appropriation made by the State Legislature, to the "Antietam Monumental Association," upon the ground that the Legislature of the State of Maryland, has ordered the interment of the Rebel dead with the Union dead; therefore

Resolved, That we gratefully thank him for this care of the bodies of our fallen Comrades, and respectfully ask the Legislature of our State, to sustain him in his course.

Which was unanimously agreed to.

Comrade G. P. McLean, Post No. 8, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, be requested to grant a medal to all Union soldiers who have been in the military service during the late war, and have received an honorable discharge therefrom.

Comrade E. R. Biles moved to amend to make it apply to enlisted men only.

The resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

Comrade R. L. Bodine, Post 2, presented the following:

Rsolved, That the thanks of the Department Convention, be and are hereby tendered to Comrade Louis Wagner, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Commander of this Department.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to have these resolutions engrossed and framed; and present the same to the retiring Grand Commander.

Unanimously adopted.

The following committee was appointed by the S. V. Commander:

Comrade R. L. Bodine,.....Post No. 2.
" G. P. McLean,..... " " 8.
" Jos. T. Pratt,..... " " 5.

Comrade James K. Helms, Post 26, presented the following:

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Convention be held at Pottsville, Pa.

Agreed to.

Comrade Blondin, Post 58, presented the following:

Resolved, That the Legislature of Pennsylvania, be requested to pass a law requiring the discharges of all honorably discharged soldiers to be registered in the County Court without charge,

Agreed to.

Comrade E. R. Biles, Post 2, presented the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Comrades James Givin, A. A. G., and Wm. A. Mackey, A. Q. M., for the able and efficient manner in which they have performed their duties during the past year.

Unanimously agreed to.

Comrade James Givin moved that the Assist. Adjt. General be paid a salary of $1,000 per annum for his services.

Agreed to.

Comrade Geo. F. Smith, Post 31, moved that the A. Q. M. General be paid $500 per annum for his services.

Agreed to.

Comrade F. C. Hooton moved that the Headquarters of the Department, be located in Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Comrade Louis Wagner, Grand Commander, Comrade S. V. Commander MacMichael in the Chair, presented the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention, be and are hereby tendered to Council No. 606, U. L. A., for their courtesy in granting the use of their Hall for the evening session of the Convention on Jan. 29th, 1868.

Resolved, That a copy be forwarded to President of said Council.

Adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following:

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. This Department shall be known as the Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, U. S.

SEC. 2. The stated meetings of this Department shall be held on the second Wednesday of January and July of each year. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Grand Commander.

SEC. 3. The next Semi-Annual Convention of this Department, shall be in Pottsville, and that, and each succeeding Convention thereafter, shall designate the place of the next meeting.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. No charter shall be granted for the organization of a Post, until the provisions of Art. XV. of the Constitution of the G. A. R., shall have been complied with, including the necessary expenses of books and cards.

SEC. 2. Posts shall be numbered respectively according to the date of granting charter, and no Post shall be entitled to more than six Rituals, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Commander, and approved by the Council of Administration, and the Post Commanders are held responsible for the safe keeping of the same.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The quarterly dues to the Department, from each Post, shall be five cents for each member thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The Council of Administration shall not grant in any case of charity a sum exceeding ten dollars.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. No part of these By-Laws shall be repealed, amended, altered, or suspended, nor shall any new By-Laws be adopted, unless proposed in writing at a Semi-Annual Convention next preceding action being taken thereon, when, if two-thirds of the delegates present vote in favor of said amendment, it shall be made part and parcel thereof.

The above By-Laws were adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

JAMES GIVIN,
Assist. Adjt. General.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Fourth Convention,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

POTTSVILLE, JULY 8th, 1868.

General Joshua T. Owen, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Col. W. T. Collins, A. A. G., and General Louis Wagner, A. I. General, G. A. R., the Department Officers and delegates were received at Mount Carbon, at noon, by Post 23, and escorted to the G. A. R. Hall.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Posts of Schuylkill County, under command of Comrade D. B. Holmes, of Post No. 26, were reviewed by the Grand Commander and Staff.

A grand pic-nic, in honor of the invited guests and delegates, was given by Post No. 23, in the Agricultural Park on the ninth, which was the finest affair of the kind ever held in the County.

The Convention assembled in the Court-room, Pottsville, at 8 o'clock, P. M., July 8th, Comrade A. L. Pearson, Grand Commander, presiding, and Comrade W. B. Cook, Assist. Adjt. General, Recorder.

On motion, Comrades Louis Wagner of Post 6, R. Donagan, Post 2, and S. W. Reynolds Post 38, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

Comrades Jno. W. Geary, James S. Negley, and Jno. F. Hartranft, were received by the Convention rising and applauding.

Comrade O. C. Bosbyshell, Post 23, was appointed Officer of the Day, and Comrades L. C. Bosbyshell and J. A. M. Passmore, Post 23, Sentinels.

On motion, Comrade Jno. W. Geary was invited to address the Convention during the absence of the Committee on Credentials.

Comrade Geary accepted the invitation and addressed the Convention at length.

The committee then entered and recommended that a form of Credentials be printed and furnished each Post, to secure uniformity. They reported the following named Comrades entitled to seats in the Convention :

Post.	Name.
2	J. Wilson DeWitt,
	Joshua T. Owen,
	J. S. Smith,
	R. Donagan,
	J. H. Lawrence,
	S. B. Wylie Mitchell,
3	H. S. Collier,
6	Louis Wagner,
	James Byram,
	G. W. Heston,
8	Wm. D. Connelly,
	Horatio G. Sickel,
11	George N. Corson,
	Geo. W. Newman,
	John W. Schall,
	James Dykes,
12	James M. McGee,
13	James L. Selfridge,
	W. W. Hammersly,
	W. McRhue,
16	John Fritz,
	Michael Walter,
	F. R. Burkhart,
	Wm. Hargreaves,
	John Lindenmuth,
	Geo. W. Durrell,
	Henry Beckhardt,
	Arthur Wells,
	R. F. Moson,
17	Chas. N. Brumm,
19	Harry E. Rulon,
	Augustus H. Saurman,
	Thomas Ford,
	George W. Carpenter,
	Alfred Kaylor,
	George W. James,
	Chas. H. Cake,
	H. Robinson,
	J. E. McCarty,
	Wm. Colbridge,
20	S. B. McQuade,
	Thomas Monroe,
	John Gorman,
22	Stephen Johnson,
	George Walker,
	George Lovett,
23	Frank B. Wallace,
	Robt. B. Beath,
	James Wren,
	O. C. Bosbyshell,
	D. Webster Bland,
	Wm. J. Hinkle,
23	J. K. Sigfried,
	Frank R. Leib,
	Frank Hause,
25	James R. T. Coates,
	Robt. Chadwick,
	Wm. Bond,
	Wm. C. Paist,
26	Jas. K. Helms,
	D. B. Holmes,
	B. F. Cooligan,
29	L. R. Keefer,
30	Robt. W. Hunt,
	Jacob W. Campbell,
31	Jas. E. M. McFarlan,
	Hampton S. Thomas,
	Jno. T. Potts,
	Wm. Coleman Henderson,
	Chas. W. Coward,
	Francis H. Taggart,
	Dilwyn Parker,
33	W. R. Burchnell,
	M. S. Lytle,
34	Geo. H. Jones,
35	Joseph R. Oxley,
	Joseph F. Neeley,
	John G. Brown,
	August Beckert,
	Wm. J. McGrath,
	A. W. Kredell,
	Chas. A. Miller,
38	S. W. Reynolds,
	W. H. King,
42	E. P. Light,
	J. E. George,
	J. R. Henry,
	J. P. S. Gobin,
43	S. H. Yocum,
	M. M. L'Velle,
	A. P. Wenrich,
	J. R. Cleaver,
	J. R. Caswell,
45	E. K. Ramsey,
	James J. Edwards,
47	H. M. McLain,
	H. A. Buechley,
	Samuel Holmes,
	W. S. Morris,
54	Jacob S. Statt,
	Jacob H. Steger,
57	W. C. Wylie,
	M. S. A. McCracken,
58	Lane S. Hart,
	John T. Boyle,
	W. B. Hart,
	H. C. Demming,
61	William Wilhelm,
62	F. B. Stewart,
	H. B. Kendig,
67	Thomas Kleckner,
68	A. G. Mason,
	Chas. Mercur,
71	Wm. R. Bayne,
74	Wm. H. Bartholomew,
	David Ackerman,
75	J. S. Dushane,
	R. G. Dill,
	O. L. Jackson,
78	J. A. Peters,
	Wm. Forney,
82	H. L. Cake,
	Josiah Steers,
84	Edgar C. Reed,
	Hiram C. Stamm,
	Jacob K. Barr,
	H. R. Breneman,
	J. W. Fisher,
85	Calvin McClurg,
86	A. C. Reinoehl,
88	Wm. C. Cooke,
	D. H. Speer,
	W. S. Harrow,
	D. N. Wylie,
89	C. K. Campbell,
	D. G. Bassard,
	B. F. Enright,
	J. H. Howell,
92	A. M. Montelius,
	John F. Osler,
96	L. Hibbard Whittlesey,
98	C. W. Tyler,
	E. M. Hoffman,
101	J. A. Price,
104	E. S. Savage,
	J. Anthony,
106	Abner Evans, Jr.,
109	S. W. Weiss,
110	E. J. Philips,
	Aug. Webber,
117	E. C. Negley,
118	John Peart,
128	D. L. Pisle,
129	H. J. Reeder,
136	Jacob Sanders,
140	Beaton Smith.

The report of the committee was accepted.

All persons within the bar were then directed to retire, and delegates come in and take their seats as their names were called.

It was agreed that all delegates properly accredited, whose Posts were in arrears for returns be admitted within the bar without the right to vote.

On motion, Comrade Halfpenny, Post 65, was admitted without credentials, he having mislaid them.

On motion, Comrade J. H. Levan, of Post No. 17, was admitted to the privileges of the floor.

On motion, delegates from Post 68, and others, were admitted.

The Grand Commander then proceeded to read the following report:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Pittsburgh, July 8th, 1868.

To the Department Convention of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADES:—At the third Semi-Annual Convention, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, which assembled at Philadelphia, on Wednesday, Jan. 29th, 1869, you saw fit to elect me to the responsible and highly honorable position of Grand Commander of this Department, which position was, as you are all doubtless aware, unsought for by me.

The manner in which the former Department Commander had conducted his administration, the facilities of having his entire Staff at his Headquarters in Philadelphia, and the great success that attended his and their efforts, had a tendency to make me accept the position with distrust and with the feeling that the removal of Headquarters from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, with the Assist. Adjt. General at one end of the State and the A. M. General at the other, would have the tendency to delay business and retard the formation of Posts. But I am happy to say that all my doubts have been dispelled, and that I am able to report the formation of new Posts, and the organization of a number of counties in the Commonwealth, that had before no organization. That the Grand Army has become one of the greatest organizations of the world, there can be no doubt. In all of the large cities and towns of the Commonwealth, Posts in good working order can be found, and ere many months it is expected that arrangements can be effected, so that those counties yet without an organization will have at least one Post centrally located.

Commander Wagner, in his report to the last Semi-Annual Convention, reported one hundred and one Posts established in thirty-seven counties with four thousand five hundred and seventy-eight members. Since that time, namely, January, 1868, there has been established forty-four Posts, and nine counties now have organizations of the Grand Army that did not have them at the date of last report, and seven counties have made application for charters, I can therefore report forty-six counties organized with one hundred and forty-five Posts, and a total number of about eight thousand members. I say *about*, for it is impossible for a full and complete report to be made at this time in consequence of the delay and neglect on the part of many Posts in sending in their reports.

Unless Posts are more prompt in answering the demands of the Assist. Adjt. General and A. Q. M. General's departments in this respect, we may expect a reprimand from the Commander-in-Chief, who expects each Department Commander to make full, complete, and exact reports semi-annually to his Headquarters. To make the organization as effective as it should be "*promptness*" must be the motto. Each Comrade should take upon himself the responsibility of seeing that everything connected with the workings of his Post is carried out strictly and to the full letter of the law.

To the Assist. Adjt. General W. B. Cook, and to A. Q. M. General Mackey, I am deeply indebted for the energetic manner in which they have conducted the two respective departments. They herewith submit their reports, which will fully show the number, where and when Posts have been organized, the amount on hand, and the expenditures during the last six months.

During the past few months difficulties have arisen in several of the Posts that should have been settled by themselves, and without sending papers to Department Headquarters. In every instance where the trouble has been of any moment, I have submitted the case to the Council of Administration, and have always complied with their decision. It is to be hoped that the Department Commander will not be compelled to call frequent meetings of the Council of Administration to settle difficulties of this nature.

I cannot but feel gratified at the manner in which all the Posts of this Department carried out General Orders, No. 11, from Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic. With exception of one or two counties, the order was strictly obeyed,

while but little time was given for preparation, yet in many instances, the ceremonies were of the most elaborate and imposing nature.

It is the intention of the Commander-in-Chief to have this annual assembling of our Comrades to deck the graves of those who gave up their lives to save the country, and it will be expected that when next we meet, some system will be adopted by which the ceremonies will be of the most imposing nature. We cannot enter into this great work too warmly. Still when we place the laurel wreath upon the grave of a departed Comrade, we must not forget that he may have left a widow or an orphan child who will expect our sympathies.

At the National Convention of the G. A. R., the district system was abolished. This, it seems to me was an unwise proceeding, as it places the work on a few, and compels the Department Commander to appoint a very large Staff, some of whom probably are not as well posted in the unwritten work of the Order as they should be, the result is that a great difference exists in various parts of the Department, and Comrades from one Post visiting another, often find it difficult to enter. To arrange matters more satisfactorily, I have called a meeting of the Staff, and it is intended to have a uniform system adopted.

We have been fortunate in being able to send many destitute soldiers' and sailors' widows over various railroads free of charge, and in no instance have any of the railroads charged over half fare. Hardly a day passes that one or more wounded or destitute soldiers do not apply for aid, and in very few instances are they members of the G. A. R.

In conclusion, I must return my heartfelt thanks to the officers of my Staff for the manner in which they have carried out the orders from these Headquarters, and to the various Post Commanders and members whom I have had the pleasure of meeting, I must thank for the assistance they have afforded me in every particular.

The office of the A. A. G., No. 93 Diamond street, Pittsburgh, and the Headquarters, No. 61 Grant street, Pittsburgh, were furnished free of cost to the Department, and are open at all times to the members of the G. A. R., and it is to be hoped that members of the organization, should they visit the city of Pittsburgh, will not hesitate to call.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
A. L. PEARSON,
Grand Commander.

The Asst. Adjutant General then submitted the following report:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.,
ASSIST. ADJT. GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Pittsburgh, June 30th, 1868.

A. L. PEARSON,
Grand Commander, Dept. Penna., G. A. R.,

COMRADE:—I have the honor respectfully to report that there are now chartered within the Department, one hundred and forty-five Posts, located in forty-six counties—being an increase since December 31st, 1868—the date of last report—of fifty Posts and ten counties.

Measures have been adopted which it is believed will result in the organization of at least one Post in every county of the State, ere the expiration of the present year.

Owing to the very meagre returns for the quarter ending the present date, it is impossible to give the exact strength of the Department. Taking, however, the number contained in last report—4578—and giving to all the Posts the rate of increase indicated by the returns received, the Department must number about eight thousand members.

During the past four months, the Revised Rituals, Rules and Regulations, have been furnished to one hundred and thirteen Posts. The following Posts never having made requisition, are yet without them, viz: Posts 4, 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, 32, 36,

40, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 60, 69, 73, 76, 77, 78, 79, 83, 85, 87, 90, 93, 94, 115, 127, 128. It is to be hoped that delegates from these Posts will see that application is at once made, and their respective Posts supplied.

The following returns are now due for the quarter ending March 31st, 1868: Posts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 24, 28, 32, 33, 36, 38, 40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 56, 60, 64, 69, 73, 76, 77, 79, 83, 86, 87, 88, 90, 93, 94, 99.

Returns for the quarter ending June 30, 1868, are due from the following Posts: 4, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 24, 28, 32, 33, 36, 40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 56, 60, 64, 69, 73, 76, 77, 79, 83, 86, 87, 90, 93, 94, 99, 105, 107, 108, 112, 114, 115, 119, 120, 125, 127, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145.

These latter returns are coming in daily, and it is expected that a large proportion of them will be received,

I would respectfully call attention to the fact that many Posts are in arrears for returns for more than a year. Some have never made but one while a very few have never made any report. Most of these have apparently ceased working, and have wholly failed to comply with the conditions upon which they received their charters.

In view of these facts, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of the Convention adopting a rule by which Posts failing to make their returns for a specified time, shall be deprived of their charters, and discontinued as Posts of the Grand Army.

From the number and very interesting character of the reports received in obedience to General Orders No. 8, from these Headquarters, it appears that the 30th of May, was very generally and appropriately observed by the Posts of this Department. Let us hope that each recurring anniversary of the inauguration of this beautiful and touching ceremony may be celebrated with increased interest and favor.

Two members of the Council of Administration, Comrades A. Patterson and Jos. R. Oxley, elected at the Convention held in Philadelphia, on the 27th day of January, 1868, have resigned and their resignations accepted, subject to the approval of the Convention.

I would respectfully suggest that their places be filled by Comrades who can and will attend the meetings of the Council.

I would also call attention to the general disregard on the part of Comrades of the regulations of General Orders No. 5, relative to the endorsing, folding and forwarding communications to the Department Headquarters. I am persuaded that if Comrades could be brought to realize the annoyance, the inconvenience and the vast amount of labor, the neglect in this respect imposes, and the very trifling claim on their attention a compliance with these simple rules would be, they would not hesitate to apply the remedy.

Respectfully, your Obedient Servant,

W. B. COOK,

Asst. Adjt. General.

Comrade Wm. J. Mackey, A. Q. M. G., then read his report, setting forth in detail the financial condition of the Department.

(Report not on file, but the amounts are included in the Financial Report, App.)

On motion, the above reports were accepted and referred to a committee consisting of Comrades Donagan, Post No. 2, Wallace, Post No. 23, and Sickles, Post No. 8.

The Convention then proceeded to select a place for holding the next Convention, which resulted in the choice of West Chester.

On motion, the invitation of Post No. 23, to attend a pic-nic and an excursion to Mahanoy Planes was accepted.

The Convention then proceeded to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Comrades A. Patterson and Jos. R. Oxley, members of Council of Administration.

Comrades Jos. H. Gray, Post 3, Jno. G. Brown, Post 135, and Jas. Wren, Post 23, were put in nomination.

Comrade Brown withdrew his name as a candidate for Council of Administration.

On motion, the A. A. G. was directed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Comrades Jos. H. Gray, Post 3, and James Wren, Post 23, who were declared duly elected members of the Council of Administration.

A motion to appropriate $50.00 to Comrade A. M. K. Storrie, A. I. General, was laid on the table. Yeas, 61; Nays, 29.

Comrade Demming, Post 58, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter when any Post is represented in Semi-Annual Convention, such representation shall be permitted to be cast by proxy, the number of votes such Post would be entitled to if fully represented, and in case of dispute, the A. A. G. to decide from his records the number of votes a Post may have.

Laid on the table.

Comrade H. C. Demming, Post 58, offered the following:

Resolved, That as the Constitution referring to representation in our Conventions, appears to many of us to be somewhat unfair, a committee of five (5) be appointed to petition the next National Convention, that in future all fractions of twenty-five (25) over fifteen (15) members of any Post, may entitle such Post to one additional representative.

On motion, the resolution was referred to delegates to be elected to the National Convention.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to Post 23, and to the patriotic ladies and gentlemen of Pottsville, for their kindness and hospitality.

On motion, a committee of five (5) was authorized to be appointed to carry out Gen. Logan's orders relative to decorating soldiers' graves.

On motion of Comrade Reynolds, Post 38, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Convention, an important change can be made in the Ritual and work of our Order, making it more effective; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five (5) be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report at the next Convention, what should be made in order that the delegates who may be elected at that time to represent this Department in the National Convention, may be properly instructed with regard to the wishes of the Department in relation to this matter.

On motion of Comrade Wagner, Comrade W. T. Collins, A. A. G., G. A. R., was requested to instruct delegates in the secret work of the Order, which Comrade Collins proceeded to do.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Comrade Collins for his instructions.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to various railroads carrying delegates to and from the Convention at reduced rates.

A vote of thanks was also tendered the Commissioners of Schuylkill County, for the use of the Court-room for the Convention.

On motion, adjourned.

W. B. COOK,
Assist. Adjt. General.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Fifth Convention,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

WEST CHESTER, JANUARY 13, 1869.

The Convention was called to order by Grand Commander A. L. Pearson.

Comrade W. B. Cook being absent on account of sickness, Comrade W. F. Hood, Post 3, acted as Recorder *pro tem.*

Comrade Rev. Joseph S. Evans, Post 31, opened the session with prayer.

Comrade Jos. James, Post 31, was appointed Officer of the Day.

Comrades Geo. P. McLean, T. Hartley, Jas. H. Levan, S. B. Wylie Mitchell and George W. Grant, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, Posts were called in numerical order, one delegate to bring forward the credentials of his Post.

The following credentials were handed in :

LIST OF DELEGATES.

POST.	NAME.
1	Joseph R. C. Ward,
	Wm. Arthur,
2	S. B. W. Mitchell,
	D. Newlin Fell,
	Robt. L. Bodine,
	Theo. W. Merrihew,
	Louis H. Martin,
	Joshua T. Owen,
3	E. A. Montooth,
	A. L. Pearson,
	W. F. Hood,
6	James Byram,
	Louis Wagner,
	Oscar Bolton,
8	Turner G. Moorehead,
	Gilbert L. Parker,
	Jos. N. Schoeninger,
	Wm. D. Connelly,
11	John R. Breitenbach,
	John W. Schall,
	Jas. Dykes,
	Geo. N. Corson,
13	W. W. Hammersly,
	D. R. Diffenderfer,
	Geo. Burckhart,
	J. A. Arnold,
16	John Fritz,
	Michael Walter,
	Wm. Monyer,
	G. W. Grant,
	Geo. W. Durrell,
	Thos. E. Weber,
	Wm. Clouse,

Post.	Name.
16	W. K. Leaman,
	L. J. Spohn,
	Wm. Hargreaves,
	Jno. W. Seiders,
	John Guiles,
17	Chas. N. Brumm,
	Jas. H. Levan,
19	Wm. H. Warner,
	Wm. J. Halpin,
	Geo. Carpenter,
	J. David Miller,
	A. Kaylor,
	Geo. W. Water
	Aug. H. Saurman,
	J. E. McCarty,
	Harry Robinson,
	A. R. Calhoun,
	A. C. Cowperthwaite,
	Theoph. Hartley,
20	James Fitzpatrick,
	Saml. B. McQuade,
	John Gorman,
23	F. B. Wallace,
	R. B. Beath,
	O. C. Bosbyshell,
	M. V. B. Hutchinson,
	Danl. Downey,
	James Wren,
	Theo. Garretson,
	Chas. T. Palmer,
	Frank Hodgson,
	B. P. Whitney,
25	Thos. Chambers,
	Theo. S. Christ,
	Jos. F. Brewster,
26	Jas. K. Helms,
	John Murphy,
	John B. Martz,
27	Israel Mayhew,
	J. W. Simpson,
28	I. J. Burton,
31	Hampton S. Thomas,
	Jas. E. McFarlan,
	Geo. F. Smith,
	David Jones,
	Francis H. Taggart,
	Wm. B. Hammond,
	Joseph James,
35	James S. Negley,
	Wm. E. Weber,
35	Wm. J. McGrath,
	Augustus Beckert,
	J. G. McConnell,
41	Geo. L. Stone,
	B. O. Camp,
42	J. P. S. Gobin,
43	M. M. L'Velle,
	A. P. Wenrich,
	Thos. Humble,
	David Powell,
45	R. A. Pennypacker,
47	H. B. Sessinger,
	B. F. Seligman,
	G. S. Thomas,
	J. A. Seligman,
	J. W. Schoener,
58	Robt. A. McCoy,
	Lane S. Hart,
	J. T. Boyle,
	J. N. Blondin,
61	John Shields,
	E. F. Luckenbach,
62	W. Lee Woodcock,
	Frank B. Stewart,
65	S. T. Kleckner,
71	West Funk,
	Jas. H. Watson,
	John Graham,
	John Rodgers,
	Theo. S. S. Baker,
74	Augustus J. Diez,
	Wm. Myers,
75	Daniel Leasure,
	J. C. Enrer,
	Forbes Holton,
	Peter Emmert,
79	Daniel Ross,
	Jacob Reprer,
	Danl. J. Boynton,
78	Jacob Rehrer,
	D. J. Boynton,
	Wm. Forney,
80	Levi M. Hood,
82	J. G. Heilman,
	Thos. D. Yeager,
84	E. C. Reed,
	B. F. Baer,
	J. K. Barr,
	C. D. Rupley,
	E. H. Thomas,
89	C. K. Campbell,
	Jas. B. Furnass,
	Jos. Crowell,
	M. C. Apt,
	Geo. Cleaver,
92	W. C. James,
	J. M. John,
	Will. Murray,
	Alfred Ayers,
97	Henry E. Clapsaddle,
	Benj. F. Dilly,
98	Wm. Beatley,
	L. H. Metealf,
	D. V. Dickson,
	John F. Morris,
103	T. Mahony,
105	Wm. M. McClure,
106	Geo. Scheetz,
109	John B. Fish,
110	Thos. J. Foster,
	Danl. D. Dillman,
	Will. R. Yost,
121	Wm. McIntosh,
122	J. C. Richards,
	M. S. Frederick,
128	D. A. Hauck,
129	H. G. H. Tarr,
	F. C. Mattes,
	H. J. Reeder,
134	A. B. McClain,
136	S. H. Clouser,
141	John A. Devers,
145	T. P. Miller,
146	B. F. Bartlett,
	John F. Kleingenna,
149	Jno. F. Worrillon,
	C. C. V. Crawford,
151	John Eichley,
	Henry Seip,
	H. B. McCurry,
	J. M. Shafter,
	Louis Shriner,
156	James B. Clark,
157	C. C. Yeager,
161	Geo. P. McLean,
	Wm. L. Curry,
	Geo. McMullin,
163	Wm. Marks,
176	Chas. S. Marks,

The Grand Commander then read the following report:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Pittsburgh, January 13th, 1869.

To the Department Convention of Pennsylvania, G. A. R.,

COMRADES:—In making this my final report to you, I desire to express my gratitude for the uniform kindness I have experienced during my term of office. That the past year has been to the "Grand Army of the Republic," a successful one, there can be no doubt, still in the midst of our success, there are many little adverse circumstances that tend to dampen the feelings of those who are anxious to know that the organization is progressing. In many of the Posts in various parts of the Department, there seems to be but little interest manifested—petty quarrels, uncalled for jealousies, unnecessary difficulties have arisen, which, in some instances, have totally destroyed the usefulness; nay, entirely obliterated the Posts. In other parts of the Department, entirely too many Posts have been organized—some counties having ten or twelve chartered Posts—when, in fact, but four or five meet regularly, the others meeting but seldom, and then with an attend-

ance that but chills the feelings of those present. In such cases I have advised consolidation, believing it better to have three or four Posts in a county, in good condition, and with largely attended and interesting meetings, than to have many Posts with but few meetings, and still fewer in attendance.

There seems to be a want of uniformity in the manner of opening and closing Posts; in fact, the muster of recruits, the grips, signs, &c., are not at all conducted with that uniformity that should be in an organization like ours, and there is an actual necessity for the unwritten work of the Order to be better understood. Still, as there is every possibility of important changes being made at the next Annual Encampment, which meets at Cincinnati in May, I think it advisable not to go to any expense in arranging this matter until after that time. In my last report I called the attention of the Convention to the want of punctuality on the part of many Posts, in making their reports to the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. I am sorry to say that there has not been any change for the better since. I attribute this neglect in part, to the excitement incident to the great political campaign, and sincerely hope the newly elected Grand Commander will not be compelled to revert to this subject. And in speaking of the late political campaign, I deem it but proper to say in the language of our Commander-in-Chief, that "notwithstanding the amendment to our regulations, by which party politics were intended to be removed from our Encampments, there seems yet to be some doubt among Posts, as to the extent of this exclusion. Thousands of honorably discharged soldiers, who would be an ornament to our organization, believing it to be political, are kept away because of a conviction that secret political organizations are wrong and dangerous. It is the observation of these Headquarters, that those jurisdictions prosper most that eschew politics altogether."

In January, 1868, there were reported one hundred and one Posts chartered in this Department, since that period there have been seventy-six additional Posts mustered, making a total of one hundred and seventy-seven Posts in the Department, with about ten thousand members. The Commander-in-Chief states in General Orders No. 19, that thirty-eight departments have been organized, including nearly every State and Territory in the Union, with nearly three thousand Posts, and a membership exceeding four hundred thousand.

I am deeply indebted to the A. A. G., W. B. Cook, and to A. Q. M., Wm. J. Mackey, for the manner in which they have conducted their respective offices. They herewith submit their reports, which will fully show the number and where and when Posts have been organized, and the amount of cash on hand, and expenditures since last report.

In view of the magnitude of the records of the Department, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of having some fixed place for Department Headquarters; while Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and other large cities, have many and good reasons to advance, why Headquarters should be placed in one of those cities, yet I think, a position more centrally located would be much better for the interests of the organization. As the time will soon arise, when we will again be called upon by our Commander-in-Chief, to decorate the graves of our fallen comrades, I would earnestly ask that every member of the Grand Army, take an especial interest in this beautiful and praiseworthy ceremony, and have it to say that the Department of Pennsylvania, was not behind any of the Departments of the Union—not only in her devotion to the widows and orphans of her dead heroes, but in keeping green the memories of those who with us fought to keep unsullied the nation's honor.

In conclusion, I must again thank the officers of the Department, for their valuable assistance during the past year. The members of my staff have been especially vigilant, and have done much to further the interests of the Grand Army. To the Comrades of the Convention and to the Comrades of the Department, I tender my heartfelt thanks for the uniform kindness shown me during my term of office.

A. L. PEARSON,
Grand Commander.

Report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Assistant Adjutant General's Office,
Pittsburgh, December 31, 1868.

A. L. Pearson,
Grand Commander, Dept. of Penna., G. A. R.,

Commander:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the Assist. Adjt. General's Office, for the past year:

List of Posts Chartered and Their Location.

No.	Town.	County.
96	Great Bend.	Susquehanna,
97	Wilkesbarre	Luzerne,
98	Meadville,	Crawford,
99	Beaver, *	Beaver,
100	Allegheny,	Allegheny,
101	Scranton,	Luzerne,
102	Bedford,	Bedford.
103	White Haven,	Luzerne,
104	Lykenstown,	Dauphin,
105	Sunbury,	Northumb.
106	Pottstown,	Montgomery,
107	Conneautville,	Crawford,
108	New Brighton,	Beaver,
109	Providence,	Luzerne,
110	Mahanoy City,	Schuylkill,
111	Curllsville,	Clarion,
112	Hawley,	Wayne,
113	Rochester,	Beaver,
114	Carlisle,	Cumberland,
115	Stevensville,	Stevensville,
116	Mercer,	Mercer,
117	East Liberty,	Allegheny,
118	Columbia,	Lancaster,
119	Troy,	Bradford,
120	Bath,	Northampton,
121	McKeesport,	Allegheny,
122	Lock Haven,	Clinton,
123	Alterton,	Cumberland,
124	East Smithfield,	Bradford.
125	Warren,	Warren,
126	Myers' Mills,	Somerset,
127	Greenville,	Mercer,
128	Mechanicsburg,	Cumberland,
129	Easton,	Northampton,
130	Harrisville,	Butler,
131	Millersburg,	Dauphin,
132	Sharpsburg,	Allegheny,
133	Masontown,	Fayette,
134	Brookville,	Jefferson,
135	Waynesburg,	Green,
136	Tremont,	Schuylkill,
137	Somerset,	Somerset,
138	Salisbury,	Somerset,
139	Boomfield,	Perry,
140	Shamokin,	Northum'land,
141	Smethport,	McKean,
142	Amityville,	Berks,
143	Brooklyn,	Susquehanna.
144	Port Carbon,	Schuylkill,
145	Doylestown,	Bucks,
146	Shenandoah,	Schuylkill,
147	Tionesta,	Forest,
148	Reno,	Venango,
149	Rockdale,	Delaware,
150	Stroudsburg,	Monroe,
151	Birmingham,	Allegheny,
152	Bloomsburg,	Columbia,
153	Sheakleyville,	Mercer,
154	Leraysville,	Bradford,
155	Centreville,	Washington,
156	Butler,	Butler,
157	Hamburg,	Berks,
158	Greensboro,	Green,
159	Honesdale,	Wayne,
160	Oil City,	Venango,
161	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,
162	Apollo,	Armstrong,
163	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,
164	Indiana,	Indiana,
165	Smithfield,	Fayette,
166	Linesville,	Crawford,
167	Tarr Farm,	Venango,
168	Brownsville,†	Fayette,
169	Farmington,	Fayette,
170	Cattawissa,	Columbia,
171	Townville,	Crawford,
172	Rush,	Susquehanna,
173	Rouseville,	Venango,
174	Thompson,	Susquehanna,
175	Kane,	McKean,
176	Lewistown,	Mifflin,
177	Franklin,	Venango,

*Chartered by Commander Wagner, but not included in report, Page 20.
†Changed to California, Washington.

I greatly regret that I am prevented by indisposition, from making a more extended and satisfactory report.

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedient
Servant and Comrade,

W. B. COOK,
Asst. Adjt. General.

Report of the Assistant Inspector General.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Philadelphia, Jan. 13th, 1869.

William B. Cook,
Asst. Adj. General.,

Comrade:—I have the honor to make the following report: During the year I have visited the several Posts in West Chester, Norristown, Reading, Allentown, Harrisburg, Easton, Altoona, Johnstown, Manchester, Washington, Pottsville, St. Clair, and quite a number in the City of Philadelphia. In visiting towns, in which there were no Posts, I called on many Comrades and induced them to form Posts, and am happy to state that at Butler one was so formed. I find the majority of the Posts in good working order, and take pleasure in reporting the kind and friendly manner in which the Comrades received me. I congratulate the delegates of this Convention, on the success of our beloved Order in this Department, and trust that all the Comrades will labor more earnestly for the cause in which we are engaged, which is a cause worthy of our best labor, for it is the cause of Love, Mercy and Loyalty.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. M. K. STORRIE,
Assist. Inspector General.

(For Report of the A. Q. M. General, see Consolidated Report, Appendix.)

On motion, Comrades J. P. S. Gobin, J. S. Negley, Louis Wagner, A. R. Calhoun and Levi M. Hood, were appointed to examine the above reports.

Comrade Beath moved that the Rev. Thos. Atkinson. Agent for Gettysburg Orphan's Homestead, be allowed to address the Convention.

Comrade Calhoun moved to amend by adding "after the business of the Convention is closed."

Adopted.

The Committee on Credentials reported favorably on all credentials in the preceding list, except for Posts 92, 105, 149, 157, 162 and 176.

The report was adopted and the committee continued.

The credentials of the Posts, to which the committee took exception were taken up.

Post 92, reported *four* names—entitled to *two*.

On motion, two were stricken off.

Post 105, reported *two*—entitled to *one*.

Comrade W. W. McClure being present, the other was stricken off.

The delegates reported from Post 110, were admitted.

Post 149, reported no blanks, but made returns to the A. Q. M. General.

On motion, their two delegates were admitted.

Posts 157 and 176, have made no returns to the A. A. G., being new Posts, one delegate from each Post was admitted.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Convention was called to order by Grand Commander A. L. Pearson.

Comrade Wm. J. Mackey, A. Q. M. G., presented his report.

The reading was dispensed with, and the report referred to the committee.

The Committee on Reports of Officers, presented the following:

Your committee, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Commander, Assist. Adjt. General, Assist. Inspector General, and A. Q. M. General, beg respectfully to submit the following report:

The suggestion of the Grand Commander, relative to the consolidation of Posts is one that should be carefully guarded. Local jealousies and feelings must be avoided in any effort to accomplish good by this means. They would offer the following resolution in connection therewith:

Resolved, That when two or more Posts of the G. A. R., in the same locality, shall desire to consolidate the same in one Post, for the purpose of rendering their usefulness more effective, a meeting of each Post shall be held specially to take action thereon. Every member shall be notified of each meeting if possible—verbally or otherwise. If at such meeting, a majority of each Post shall declare in favor of such consolidation, they shall report such action to the Grand Commander, who shall in a Special Order announce the same to the Order. The Post thus established, shall retain the charter bearing the lowest number of those thus united, and the others shall be returned by the Commander to the A. A. G., provided that this cannot be accomplished without the majority of Posts interested, present at the meeting, voting in favor thereof.

The negligence of the different Posts in making the returns required by the Rules and Regulations of the Order is a difficulty that has been encountered by the Order since its organization. Many no doubt originally neglected this duty without much thought, but are now deterred by the back dues owing the Department.

It is impossible to apply a remedy to suit each particular case. Posts thus negligent are at present deprived of all representation in the Convention and privileges therein, which it would seem to your committee, should induce all to use their utmost endeavors to be punctual.

It is to be hoped that a new era will now dawn upon the Order in this respect, and that no more complaint will be called for.

That the organization is not a partisan one is shown by Art. II, of the Constitution of the Order adopted by the National Convention. Your committee deem it but necessary to refer all doubters to this fundamental law.

The committee take great pleasure in congratulating the Convention upon the rapid increase of the Order during the past year. This is, in a great measure, due the zeal, energy and ability displayed by our Grand Commander, Comrade A. L. Pearson, during that period. His work has been an arduous one, and has been most efficiently performed. To him the warmest thanks of the Order are sincerely due, and are hereby tendered.

The assiduity and earnestness displayed by the subordinate officers during the past year calls for our warmest commendation.

Ere the next Convention assembles, the ceremony of decorating the graves of our deceased Comrades will have been finished. It is to be hoped that the recommendation of the Grand Commander, in connection with this subject, will be faithfully observed, and the occasion be one fraught with interest, and thus call forth the best emotions of grateful hearts.

The report of Inspector General Storrie evidences his usual zeal and assiduity, and increases the obligations under which he has placed the Order by his exertions for its general good.

We close with earnest wishes for the prosperity of our beloved Order, the fostering of the fraternal feelings inculcated by it, and predicting for it a continued career of usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. S. GOBIN,
JAS. S. NEGLEY,
A. R. CALHOUN,
LOUIS WAGNER,
LEVI M. HOOD,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Nominations for officers for the ensuing year were then made as follows:

Grand Commander,.....Comrade O. C. Bosbyshell, Post No. 23.
" Jno. F. Hartranft, " 11.
" Chas. K. Campbell, " 89.

Comrade Campbell withdrew his name.

Tellers—Comrades McCoy, Wren and Schaffer.

S. V. G. Commander,.....Comrade Robt. L. Bodine, Post No. 2.
" W. M. Worrall, " 19.

Tellers—Comrades Louis Wagner, H. Robinson and T. G. Moorehead.

J. V. G. Commander,.....Comrade E. A. Montooth, Post No. 3.

On motion, the nominations for Junior Vice Grand Commander were closed, and the A. A. G. was instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Comrade Montooth.

Tellers—Comrades Negley, Campbell and Parker.

Comrade Montooth was declared unanimously elected.

A. Q. M. General,.....Comrade Wm. J. Mackey, Post No. 8.
" E. D. Buckman, " 161.
" J. Ross Miller, " 19.
" Robt. B. Beath. " 23. declined.

Tellers—Comrades Negley, Campbell and Parker.

A. Ins. General,.....Comrade A. M. K. Storrie, Post No. 19.

On motion, Comrade Storrie was elected by acclamation.

A. Surg. General,.....Comrade S. B. W. Mitchell, Post No. 2.

Comrade Mitchell was declared elected by acclamation.

Chaplain,.....Comrade Rev. J. S. Evans, Post No. 31.

Comrade Rev. J. S. Evans was declared elected by acclamation.

Council of Administration,.....Comrade C. K, Campbell, Post No. 89.
" G. W. Grant. " 16.
" Chas. M. Prevost, " 1.
" B. F. Seligman, " 47.
" Wm. D, Connelly. " 8.

Elected by acclamation.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Delegate at Large,.....Comrade Jno. F. Hartranft, Post No 11.

Delegates.

Post.	Name.	Result of Elec'on		Post.	Name.	Result of Elec'on	
1	Wm. McMichael,	Rec'd 34 votes.		31	George F. Smith.	Rec'd 28 votes.	
3	A. L. Pearson,	"	59 "	42	J. P. S. Gobin,	"	44 "
	W. F. Hood,	"	11 "	58	Jno. W. Geary,	"	75 "
6	Louis Wagner,	"	89 "	61	Chas. Albright,	"	61 "
8	T. G. Moorehead,	"	41 "	62	W. L. Woodcock,	"	45 "
11	Jas. Dykes.	"	23 "	71	West Funk,	"	43 "
13	W. W. Hammersly,	"	13 "	75	Daniel Leasure,	"	10 "
16	M. Walter,	"	25 "	84	B. F. Baer,	"	30 "
17	Charles N. Brumm,	"	37 "	97	Henry M. Hoyt,	"	69 "
19	A. R. Calhoun,	"	50 "	129	H. J. Reeder,	"	40 "
	J. E. McCarty,	"	38 "	134	A. B. McLain,	"	38 "
31	H. S. Thomas,	"	61 "	161	G. P. McLean.	"	38 "

The result of the election for officers was as follows:

For Grand Commander,.....Comrade O. C. Bosbyshell, rec'd 83 votes.
" Jno. F. Hartranft, " 71 "

On motion, the vote was declared unanimous for Comrade O. C. Bosbyshell.

For S. V. G. Commander,.....Comrade Robt. L. Bodine, rec'd 93 votes.
" W. M. Worrall, " 50 "
For A. Q. M. General,.....Comrade Wm. J. Mackey, rec'd — votes.
" E. D. Buckman, " — "
" J. D. Miller, " — "

(Number of votes not on File.)

The following were then declared the officers of the Department for the ensuing year:

Commander,.....Comrade O. C. Bosbyshell, Post No. 23.
S. V. Commander,..... " Robt. L. Bodine, " " 2.
J. V. Commander,..... " E. A. Montooth, " " 3.
A. Q. M. General,..... " Wm. J. Mackey, " " 8.
A. I. General,..... " A. M. K. Storrie, " " 19.
A. S. General,..... " S. B. W. Mitchell, " " 2.
Chaplain,..... " Rev. Jos. S. Evans, " " 31.
Council of Administration,.....Comrade C. K. Campbell,
" Geo. W. Grant,
" Chas. M. Prevost,
" B. F. Seligman,
" Wm. D. Connelly.
Delegate at Large to National Encampment...Comrade Jno. F. Hartranft.
Delegates,.....Comrade Louis Wagner, " H. S. Thomas,
" Jno. W. Geary, " H. M. Hoyt,
" W. W. Hammersly, " Chas. Albright,
" A. L. Pearson, " A. R. Calhoun,
" H. J. Reeder, " W. Lee Woodcock,
" J. P. S. Gobin.

Altoona, Blair County, was selected as the place for holding the next Convention.

On motion of Comrade S. B. W. Mitchell, it was decided that the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to support Comrade Joshua T. Owen, of Post No. 2, for Commander-in-Chief.

A copy of a resolution adopted by Post No. 75, extending an invitation to the Department to hold the next Convention at New Castle, Penna., was read and filed.

Comrade Wagner offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Agency for the Collection of Claims of Soldiers against the Government, has terminated, and

WHEREAS, It is in accord with the fundamental principle of our organization that these claims should be made collectable with despatch and satisfaction to the claimants, therefore

Resolved, That we deem it proper to recommend to the National Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, the adoption of such means as shall secure to our Organization an agent at Washington, connected with the office of Commander-in-Chief, whose duty it shall be to present, look after, and enable all soldiers and sailors, as well as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, to secure all claims for back pay, bounty, and pensions as rapidly as the same can be done, consistent with the public good, and with as little expense to the claimants as possible.

Resolved, That our delegates be instructed to support the above at the next National Convention.

Comrade Wagner moved the adoption of the report of the committee to whom was referred the officer's reports.

Adopted.

Also, that the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at six hundred dollars, and the salary of the A. Q. M. General, at two hundred dollars, per annum.

Adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Assistant Inspector General receive fifty dollars per annum, for traveling expenses.

Comrade Joshua T. Owen, by request of the Convention, assumed the chair temporarily, when it was unanimously

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered Comrade A. L. Pearson, the retiring Grand Commander, and that the same be engrossed, framed, and presented at the next Convention.

Comrades A. R. Calhoun, Robert L. Bodine, and George P. McLean were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Grand Commander Pearson resumed the chair.

Comrade Joshua T. Owen moved that the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to support an arrangement of Degrees; also, that some method be adopted of the Posts paying so much per week, so that when a Comrade became disabled, he could draw out weekly benefits.

Adopted.

A motion that Article V., R. and R., should be amended to read "Two black balls in ten," instead of "One in twenty," was laid on the table.

It was also

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to demand of the government, the placing of a member of the G. A. R., upon the National Cemetery and Soldiers Orphans' School Committees.

The thanks of the Convention were tendered to Post 31, the citizens of West Chester, and to the railway companies carrying delegates at reduced rates—the Pennsylvania Central, Philadelphia and Erie, West Chester and other roads.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Guards for the satisfactory performance of their duties.

The newly elected officers returned thanks for the honors conferred upon them.

Comrade Joshua T. Owen also addressed the Convention in a pungent and eloquent manner.

Adjourned.

W. B. COOK,
Asst. Adjt. General.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Sixth Convention,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

ALTOONA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th, 1869.

The Convention was called to order at 11 A. M., by Commander O. C. Bosbyshell.

Comrade Rev. S. W. Weiss, Post 109, opened the proeeedings with prayer.

Comrade J. W. Isenberg, Post 62, was appointed Offieer of the Day.

Comrades Louis Wagner, Post 6, Amos Zeller, Post 16, and A. C. Reinoehl, Post 84, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The eommittee reported on the credentials presented, but on objeetion being made by the A. A. G., that a number of the Posts were in arrears, withdrew their report for amendment.

The Posts so objected to at once made their aecounts good, and the following Comrades were reported entitled to seats in the Convention:

Post.	Name.
1	Jos. R. C. Ward,
	Clayton MacMichael,
2	Wm. M. Myers,
	Robt. L. Bodine,
	S. B. W. Mitchell,
3	Wm. B. Cook,
	B. F. Kennedy,
	Wm. Clark,
	Crosby Gray,
	Geo. B. Gray,
5	Jos. T. Pratt,
	Edwin S. Kellogg,
6	Louis Wagner,
	Gavin Neilson,
	Isaac K. Martindale,
	Chas. W. Bolton,
8	Wm. J. Mackey,
11	Geo. N. Corson,
	Geo. W. Newman,
	John W. Schall,
	James Dykes,
12	N. M. Rittenhouse,
	A. W. Givin,
13	A. J. Laubach,
	M. D. William,
	J. Weiss,
	D. Diffenderfer,
	W. W. Hammersly,
16	Geo. W. Grant,
	Henry Beckhardt.
	Chas. Grant,
	Geo. W. Durrell,
	J. W. Glass,
	B. F. Moson.
	Amos Zeller,
	Saml. Parvin,

Post.	Name.
16	Henry S. Eckert.
	J. Heister McKnight,
	J. Howard Jacobs,
	Wm. A. Wells,
17	C. N. Brumm,
	John Miller,
19	A. R. Calhoun,
	A. H. Saurman,
	Wm. H. Warner,
	Wm. Yerkes,
	J. E. McCarty,
	Al. Cowperthwaite,
	W. J. Smyth,
	A. W. Morris,
	J. D. Miller,
	A. McCnen,
	Geo. Carpenter,
	Thos. Ashton,
	J. B. D. Howe,
	S. Arrison,
	W. N. Neal,
	Dan. Barness,
23	J. J. Cake,
	Theo. Garretson.
	W. F. Huntzinger,
	W. Ramsey Potts,
	R. B. Beath,
	D. W. Bland,
	Chas. Evans,
	J. A. M. Passmore,
	Preston Carpenter,
	John Patterson,
25	Jos. P. Chadwick,
	James McDade,
	Thos. Chambers,
26	Jas K. Helms,
	Elhanan W. Frehafer,
	Alex. P. Garrett,
31	Jas. E. McFarlan,
	Levi G. McCaully,
	Jos. James,
	Geo. F. Smith.
	Bernhard Roecker,
	W. Hibbard, Jr.,
	C. W. Coward,
	David Jones,
33	Milton S. Lytle,
	M. M. Logan,
35	W. J. McGratty,
	A. P. Callow,
	Jno. Hodel,
	W. S. Caldwell,
	W. H. Lockart,
	H. P. Moore,
	J. R. Oxley,
	John G. McConnell,
41	J. R. Lyons,
42	Edward C. Euston,
	Edwin McElim,
45	J. Ralston Caswell,
47	Levi Orme,
52	Julius L. Briggs,
	Thos. Church,
58	F. H. Couse,
	Jacob Meese,
	Samuel Ake,
	Samuel Haffle,
60	Chill. W. Hazzard,
	D. C. Shaw,
61	John Shields,
	Jabez Alsover,
	A. C. Huckey,
62	J. W. Isenberg,
	D. M. Jones,
	J. W. Curry,
67	Jas. P. Covert,
	Frank Milligan,
70	E. W. Buss,
71	West Funk,
	J. E. Harkins,
	Geo. P. Tallman,
	M. D. Dunnigan,
	Theo. S. S. Baker,
	Wm. C. Besselieve,
	Wm. C. Barnes,
	Jas. H. Killingworth,
75	W. T. Dougherty,
	R. G. Dill,
78	J. Rehrer,
	Jas. K. Schreiner,
	Wm. H. Embich,
79	Vincent S. Bloomhall,
82	Jacob G. Heilman,
	P. H. Frelinghausen,
84	Wm. D. Stauffer,
	D. P. Rosenmiller,
	A. C. Reinoehl,
	A. S. Brubaker,
	J. P. Rea,
	Saml. Hambright,
88	Wm. Blakely,
	W. S. Harrah,
	W. C. Cooke,
	Geo. Peyton,
89	C. K. Campbell,
	G. M. Snyder,
	D. G. Buzzard,
97	Edwin S. Osborne,
	Geo. N. Reichard,
	Henry E. Clapsaddle,
	A. von Schluembach,
	S. Walter Reynolds.
98	Edward S. Hoffman.
	John Adams,
	C. W. Tyler,
	W. F. Chalfant,
99	Chas. A. Griffin,
101	J. A. Price,
	D. M. Jones,
	J. T. Howe,
101	E. W. Pearce,
	Wm. H. McConnell,
105	J. J. Smith,
	H. N. Price,
106	Levi J. Fritz,
108	Edward A. Noble,
	Chas. K. Chamberlin,
109	S. W. Weiss,
110	Aug. Weber,
	Jno. M. Rich,
	C. C. Wagner,
	Dan. Faust,
111	E. M. Lee,
	Lewis R. Courson,
114	Saml. Elliott,
	Chas. Rogers,
	L. Hegyi,
116	P. E. Shipler,
	A. H. Miller,
117	Curtis S. Haven,
	John H. Grayson,
118	Jas. S. Pinkerton,
	J. K. Barr,
121	A. M. Kennedy,
123	Wm. A. Lindsey,
129	H. G. H. Tarr,
	C. H. Muller.
	H. J. Reeder,
	Geo. Thatcher,
134	F. A. Weaver,
	John A. McLain,
	Eli Phillips,
	Jno. E. Barr,
136	John D. Lehman,
140	C. G. Bittenbender,
	Wm. B. Bird,
	Beaton Smith,
143	Henry B. Rogers,
144	Geo. W. Holder,
	John Ball,
149	C. C. V. Crawford,
	Archer N. Martin,
151	Geo. S. Wood,
	D. A. Jones,
	A. P. McKee,
	John Eichley,
	John E. Young,
	John Herzon,
	Wm. F. Willock.
	Thos. Baird,
	H. B. McCurry,
	J. M. Schaffer,
	Wm. F. Hood,
161	Geo. P. McLean,
	F. F. Mann,
	E. R. Murphy,
	W. L. Curry,
163	Wm. Marks,
	Thos. Gilligan,
164	Dan. S. Porter,

Post.	Name.	Post.	Name.	Post.	Name.
164	James B. Work,	170	John G. Forborg,	180	Andrew Stewart, Jr.,
	Geo. R. Lewis,	171	S. S. Lamb,	182	Jas. L. Selfridge,
167	Robt. Sutton,	176	F. F. McCoy,	183	W. H. Woodward,
	Geo. W. Thompson,		W. H. Bratton,		C. H. Wilson,
168	Jas. B. Montgomery,	177	J. Ditman,	184	J. C. Luther,
169	John N. Anderson,	179	Chas. C. Teeter,	185	Jos. Barber.
170	M. M. Brobst,				

A communication was received from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, tendering the delegates an excursion to Cresson, in the afternoon.

On motion, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Convention returned to the officers of the Railroad Company for their kindness, and Comrade Louis Wagner, Post 6, was appointed to notify the Company of the same.

A portion of the hall was then cleared, and the delegates, as their names were called, came forward and took their seats.

On motion, it was agreed that all Comrades of the G. A. R., not delegates, be admitted to the morning session of the Convention.

The Grand Commander made the following report:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Pottsville, July 13th, 1869.

To the Department Convention of Pennsylvania, G. A. R.,

COMRADES: The six months just passed have marked a bright page in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was a powerful organization a half a year ago, counting its membership by thousands and extending its broad arms over our whole country—but powerful only in numbers. Now, however, our brotherhood has a strong, sure foundation to rest upon; now it has principles enduring as the world to guide it; its objects are clearly set forth, and commend its members to the hearty good will and God speed of every true man.

From the assembling of the last National Encampment, the G. A. R., dates a new existence. It is well known that this organization has had most bitter opposition to meet, and it is as equally well known that if not originally conceived in partisan politics, it became the wish of many politicians to make it a great political machine to subserve selfish purposes. Traduced, villified and misrepresented, the Order has had a struggle for life. Its true friends, those wishing to have a great patriotic and charitable organization, have had a hard fight to rescue it from the hands of politicians, to prevent its being made a partisan Order.

Thank God! the good sense of the men who stood shoulder to shoulder through many a fiercely fought battle, supported each other in protecting it from being used for a purpose which would as surely have destroyed it as the blackness of night hides and swallows up the glorious beauties of day.

Now with our motto of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, we can invite all our Comrades, of whatever political creed, to join with us, and thus a great common brotherhood can uphold and support this grand organization, with its living, beautiful and enduring principles. How beautiful is the chain that binds us together, and how strong its links? They were forged in the fiery furnace of many a field of blood, and welded together by the memories of common dangers!—memories treasured up in the heart never to be effaced by the ravages of time—the field, the camp, the bivouac, and the prison-pen. Our organization teaches us Comrades, to cherish these hallowed memories, and as we stood shoulder to shoulder, one step between us and eternity, so let us walk through life side by side, with the calm assurance that the friendships taught by the war will ever remain; fraternizing with our Comrades everywhere, and bearing on our

more fortunate shoulders, the burdens of those less able to help themselves. The soldier's widow and orphan demand our constant care and watchfulness; to us is left the hallowed task of ministering to their wants. By hearty co-operation much good may be accomplished; here is a field for the usefulness of the G. A. R. Let every Post determine to care for the widows and orphans in its immediate neighborhood. I believe our great work is here: Our greatest principle is Charity, and if we will only faithfully carry out this principle, the G. A. R. will become one of the brightest ornaments of our country, and thousands, yet unborn, will bless the day of its conception.

In this great State of Pennsylvania, there is really no need of a soldier's widow or orphan being in want—it is in your power to prevent it. Organize in your Posts Relief Committees—not only in *name*, but see that they are supplied with sufficient funds to make them so in *fact*. Dispense your charity systematically—not with a wasteful hand, but "decently and in order." District the town or township in which you may be located; ascertain the names of all soldiers and sailors within your district; see by actual visitation the wants and needs of those you believe to be poor. Minister to those wants. Do not make the families of your Comrades feel as though they were receiving alms at your hands, for then the pleasure of being helped is marred by the grief of being thought a beggar; but do it charitably in every way, and as a matter of right, and as though your own dear ones might some day require a like helping hand. Let the dispensing of aid be in a manner co-operative—a sort of mutual benefit arrangement—then all being on the same footing, the recipients will have no feelings of a pauper mixed with their pleasures.

This is truly the province of the G. A. R. Who so fitted to care for the unfortunate soldier or his family, as his Comrades, or who better able to sympathize with him? I earnestly hope that every Post in this Department will resolve to look after and care for the poor of their neighborhood. Go at it now—before another winter sets in—and then by the next Convention, the G. A. R., of Pennsylvania, can make the proud boast that within the limits of this Department, there is not a soldier or a soldier's family uncared for. "Blessed is he of the Lord who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead."

Comrades—Fraternizing with one another, and having charity for each other, must beget within us a spirit of pure, true loyalty, for that country, which we all loved well enough to sacrifice home, health, friends and relatives, for—risking our lives in maintaining it pure, unsullied, one and inseparable. The glorious old flag will never need defenders so long as this organization lives, or its principles are kept fresh.

Without partisanship we can show our love for our country, our flag, our free institutions and our honored government, to uphold and preserve which we are still willing to "pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." Holding these glorious principles we need fear no danger, so long as we are true to ourselves, our Comrades families and our country, so long will we be a power in this land for good.

I am happy to state that the beautiful ceremony of strewing flowers over the graves of departed Comrades, on the 29th and 30th of last May, was very generally observed throughout the entire Department. It is a subject of congratulation that our efforts in this direction have been met by so hearty a response from other societies, and by the citizens generally. Keep this annual tribute to the memory of the dead, alive; so that the noble deeds of those dead heroes may remain fresh in the minds of the living, and the cause for which they died indelibly impressed on the minds of all coming generations. Thus whilst placing our beautiful tokens of flowers upon their graves, the solemn teachings of the war are constantly brought before us, and new generations learn a lesson of loyalty that no other scene could suggest.

Let no angry thoughts, against those whom we fought, mar the solemnity of these scenes; rather let a generous and forgiving spirit be prompted towards those dead misguided men. We cannot forget the deeds of the past; we should not forget them; but we can exercise the Christian virtue of forgiveness, and do much towards healing up the ill-feelings engendered by the war.

During the past months, I have visited a number of Posts of the G. A. R., in

this Department. The A. A. G. and other Department officers accompanied me on several occasions. These visitations were made with the view of rendering uniformity in the unwritten work of the Order, and in the manner of mustering in. No two Posts were found instructing alike, and all seemed to have their own peculiar style of mustering in. The beauty of our revised ritual lies in the hope of making all Posts work precisely alike—particularly to have the unwritten work correctly disseminated. It is therefore urged that great caution be exercised by the members of the Convention receiving the same, so they are sure they understand correctly. I will visit as many Posts as possible, during the remainder of my term, and would be pleased to have Posts notify me when it would be most convenient for them to be visited.

For the details respecting the working of the Order in this Department, I respectfully refer you to the reports of the Assist. Adjt. General, Assist. Q. M. General, and Assist. Ins. General. From these reports it will appear that the organization in this Department, is now in a really more prosperous condition than ever heretofore—more efficient in every way.

This satisfactory result has been brought about by constant appeals from these Headquarters, orally and by letter, with delinquent Posts and members thereof, thereby entailing a vast amount of labor upon the Assist. Adjt. General, whose efforts in placing the Grand Army of the Republic, in this State, the foremost organization of the kind in the United States, will, I am sure, meet your approbation.

My experience, as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and knowledge of the workings of this Department, lead me to suggest the appointment by this Convention, of some one to write out faithfully the proceedings of this and preceding Conventions of the Department, with power to have them published in pamphlet form, for the information and use of Comrades throughout the Department. The proper person to do this work correctly is without doubt the Assist. Adjt. General, but for so doing he should receive a reasonable sum, by way of compensation, in addition to his regular salary, as it will occupy much time and be attended with much labor.

The publishing of these preceedings under our present state of finances, I know cannot be done; but I've no doubt Posts would gladly pay for the copies desired by them. By regularly printing proceedings of future Conventions as they occur, will give a continuous history of the Order in this State, and be instructing and interesting to the Comrades. It will require at least 10,000 to supply the Department.

One other suggestion occurs to me. To enable the Department to know who are members of the G. A. R., in this State, and to know where they belong, a roster of all the members should be kept at Headquarters, for which purpose Blank Muster Rolls, similar to those used in the Regular Army, should be furnished each Post, whereon they should report to the Assist. Adjt. General, the names of all Comrades mustered into their respective Posts to June 30th, 1869, placing at the foot of the roll under separate heads, those lost by death, transfer, dishonorable discharge, or dropped, then can be preserved at Headquarters a complete list of all our members to the date mentioned. The regular quarterly returns if properly filled out, will give a continuous list of all members. This will cost much labor to Post Adjutants, but I am convinced will be well worth it.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. BOSBYSHELL,
Commander.

A motion to adjourn to dinner was lost.

It was then moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet a 1.30 P. M.

Carried.

Comrade S. B. Wylie Mitchell moved that the order of business be—that in the afternoon, the session be devoted to the general business of the Convention, and the evening session for instruction in the new work.

Adopted.

Report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Assistant Adjutant General's Office,
Pottsville, July 13th, 1869.

O. C. Bosbyshell,
Commanding Department:

Comrade: On assuming charge, by your direction, of the duties of this office, it was found that there was no mode of ascertaining the standing of the Posts without laborious investigation. The first thing done was to have a book ruled to embrace all the columns used in the quarterly returns of the Post, and in this book was entered all the returns found on file. An additional table was prepared giving only the number of members reported, and dues paid by each Post for each quarter from its organization.

These tables are not only of great service to the officers, but the last particularly will enable Committees on Credentials to tell at a glance what Posts should be excluded from representation.

These tables presented the following figures for the quarter ending December 31st, 1868:

Posts not organized December 31st, 1868, Nos, 130, 169, 175,	3
Disbanded, 4, 21, 36, 44, 95,	5
Consolidated, No. 69 with 67,	1
Charter returned, No. 94,	1
In arrears for returns,	86
In good standing,	80
Total,	176

Members reported, 5,918.

The following Circular was then prepared, and a copy mailed to the Commanders of Posts in arrears, or to a charter member where no officer was reported:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPT. OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Pottsville, February, 5th, 1869.

Dear Sir and Comrade: No returns have been received from your Post for the Assistant General, for the.....quarters of 1868, and for the Assistant Quartermaster General for.....quarters of 1868.

The fact that so many Posts have failed to make the returns prescribed by our Rules and Regulations, is a serious drawback to the efficiency of the Department.

This should be remedied; you can in a very short time make all the returns required, and no doubt there are Comrades in your locality who, if called upon by you, will gladly pay their share of money due the Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade, we appeal to you to do this work; get your Post together again; make such an effort as soldiers can make, and you will be successful.

The great success attained by so many Posts in relieving the necessities of soldiers and the widows and orphans of our dead Comrades shows that great good can be accomplished by our Order.

Make this your principal work; the sympathies of your people will be secured, and soldiers and sailors who have hearts to feel for the suffering ones will surely not stand longer aloof.

Correspond freely with these Headquarters. Let us know your difficulties, and whatever we can do to aid you will be done.

Yours, Very Respectfully,
O. C. BOSBYSHELL,
Grand Commander.

Official:
Robert B. Beath,
Asst. Adjt. General.

Several of the replies to this Circular, were from Posts in working order, who supposed their reports were all made; with such, the matter was soon adjusted.

Others in the most curt manner replied that their Posts were defunct, and gave no additional satisfaction when appealed to.

On the whole our efforts seemed to meet with little encouragement. After waiting one month, it was determined to try in another quarter, and copies of the following Circular were mailed to the Senior Vice Commanders and Adjutants of these Posts, and in some instances to other officers and Comrades:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPT. OF PENNSYLVANIA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
Pottsville, April 9th, 1869.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: On the 5th of February, a Circular was issued from these Headquarters in reference to the arrearages for Returns and Dues of Posts in this Department, asking that steps be taken to remove at once this reproach upon the Posts so situated.

One was mailed to Comrade ....., the last reported Commander of your Post, and it has not been replied to.

You are now appealed to as a member to take steps for an immediate meeting of your Post; if you have sincerely at heart the good of the Order, *and go to work*, you can have such a meeting within forty-eight hours.

The Commander of your Post is directly responsible for this neglect to make the returns required by our Rules and Regulations. It is his business to see that the Adjutant and Quarmaster perform their duties, but he alone is held responsible at these Headquarters.

You should now see that officers are elected who will be faithful to the pledges required on their installation.

If your Post has, unfortunately, chosen for an officer one who has proved unfaithful to the trust confided in him, no personal consideration should allow you to hesitate in having him removed. The success of our Order demands and deserves such action.

Your Post will not be allowed representation in Convention, unless these returns are made, and should this application meet no better success than the first, the Grand Commander will revoke your Charter, for your Post cannot and will not be permitted to set at defiance—by such utter neglect—our Rules and Regulations. He wishes to be spared such a humiliation of an Order so broad in its scope, so beneficient in its objects that every honorably discharged soldier and sailor should be within its borders, laboring harmoniously with his Comrades in all its good works—but there will be then no other resource.

If it is found impossible to keep up your organization, then a sense of honor should prompt your Post to sever its connection with the Order formally, by the surrender of the Charter and books.

If, on the other hand, you will start anew, every facility will be extended to you that is in the power of the Department to grant.

Blanks for the returns, or any information required, will be cheerfully and promptly given on application to the A. A. General.

The Grand Commander has only at heart in this matter the good of the Order, he does not desire to unnecessarily reproach you, but trusts sincerely that this will be the means of spurring your members to renewed exertions, and that at the next Convention your delegates will be in their seats representing a strong and healthful Post.

Read this to as many of your Comrades as possible, and correspond freely with Headquarters.

By order of

O. C. BOSBYSHELL,
Grand Commander.
ROBERT B. BEATH,
Assist. Adjt. General.

This was more successful. In some instances it cut to the quick, and quite a number acknowledged their neglect, and announced the determination to go to work and reorganize their Posts.

For the information of those Post Commanders who complained of this manner of addressing their Posts, I would state in quite a number of the Posts thus reorganized, the work of reorganization was carried on by subordinate officers or Comrades, without the aid or against the wishes of their Post Commanders. Of course, in a number of instances, it was clearly shown that the failure of the Post, was not attributable to the Commander, who had in those cases used every effort to save the Post from disbandment.

Still, a very large number of these Posts did not respond to either Circular, and as the Commander hesitated to disband those still neglectful and disobedient, in the hope that some way would be found to reach them, I wrote a letter to each Post Commander, addressing it in most instances on the envelope, "or officers of Post No. —, G. A. R."

Over sixty letters were thus written, and a number of them were answered.

One of them brought to light the singular fact of a Post meeting regularly, well attended and doing a good work, yet had never made a report, and was of course without direct information of any kind from Headquarters.

In one instance it has been reported that an officer of a Post was entrusted with the duty of forwarding the returns, and had never done so, appropriating the money to his own uses.

The result of all this labor is shown in the following statistics of the reports for December, 1868, as compared with the first given :

Posts disbanded, Nos. 4, 10, 21, 32, 36, 44, 51, 69, 86, 95, 115, 120,	13
Charter returned, No. 94,	1
Not organized, 130, 169, 175,	3
Consolidated No. 67 with 69,	1
Posts making returns,	107
Posts in arrears,	51
Total,	176

Membership, 7,194.

Gain from arrearages, 28 Posts, 1,276 members.

As these Posts in arrears have been offered every facility and given proper time to make their returns, I offer for the consideration and action of the Department, the following resolutions:

1st. That the following Posts be suspended for failure to make their returns:

14 Philipsburg, Centre Co.	64 Williamsport, Lycoming.	119 Troy, Bradford.
15 Manayunk, Philada.	65 New Berlin, Union.	125 Warren, Warren.
18 West Philada.	68 Bradford, Towanda.	126 Meyers Mills, Somerset.
22 Danville, Montour.	72 Hughesville, Lycoming.	131 Millersburg, Dauphin.
24 Chambersburg, Franklin.	73 Sharon, Mercer.	132 Sharpsburg, Allegheny.
28 Selins Grove, Snyder.	76 Annville, Lebanon.	133 Masontown, Fayette
34 Weatherly, Carbon.	77 Osceola, Clearfield.	139 Bloomfield, Perry.
38 Lawrenceville, Allegheny.	81 Jersey Shore, Lycoming.	141 Smethport, McKean.
39 Holidaysburg, Blair.	83 Shippensburg, Cumb'd.	147 Tionesta, Forest.
40 Liverpool, Perry.	85 Palmyra, Lebanon.	148 Reno, Venango,
46 Philadelphia.	87 Lecsport, Berks.	152 Bloomsburg, Columbia.
48 Green Castle, Franklin.	90 Bellefonte, Centre.	153 Sheakleyville, Mercer.
49 Mercersburg, do	91 Allegheny City.	154 Leraysville, Bradford.
50 Titusville, Crawford.	100 do do	159 Honesdale, Wayne.
54 Coatesville, Chester.	102 Bedford, Bedford.	162 Apollo, Armstrong.
56 Middleburg, Snyder.	104 Lykens, Dauphin.	166 Linesville, Crawford,
63 Holmesburg, Philada.	112 Hawley, Wayne.	173 Rouseville, Venango.

Provided, that if any of the above enumerated Posts make their returns to Department Headquarters prior to Sept. 30th, next, the Commander shall announce the removal of such disability in Orders, and the Post be reinstated in all privileges; and further provided, that the Commander shall disband such of the above Posts as have failed to make their returns at the date above given.

2nd. Copies of the above Resolutions shall be furnished each of these Posts, and the mailing of the same to the address of the last reported Post Commander shall be considered as sufficient notice prior to the disbandment for neglect of duty, at the time stated.

3rd. The A. A. General shall prepare a roster of all Posts in good standing in this Department, June 30th, adding thereto from time to time new Posts as organized, and Posts reinstated as above—which roster shall be furnished each Post in good standing in the Department, and all Posts are prohibited from receiving as visitors the members of any Post in this Department not so reported as in good standing.

I am also compelled to report the following Posts now in working order as in arrears for returns. I do it with less reluctance however, as all have been notified, where it relates to back returns, and the majority of them failed to pay any attention to my letter on the subject.

Post No 57, 3d and 4th quarters, 1868, I recommend be excused from making these returns on account of their disorganized condition during those terms.

Post	59	Dues 4th quarter, 1868,			33	members.
"	74	"	1st	" "	59	"
"	80	"	2d	" "	44	"
"	96	" and returns 2d quarter, 1869.				
"	105	"				
"	107	"				
"	135	Dues 2d quarter, 1869,			12	members.
"	137	"	and returns 2d quarter, 1869.			
"	138	"	"	"	"	
"	145	"	" 1st and 2d	"	"	
"	150	"	"	2d "	"	
"	157	"	4th quarter, 1868,		27	members.
"	165	"	and ret'ns, 1st	"	1869.	
"	172	"	"	2d "	"	

I now leave the whole subject of arrearages for your further orders.

The following Posts have been chartered this term:

Post No. 177, Summit Hill, Carbon Co. Instituted by the Grand Commander.

Post No. 178, Mill Village, Erie Co. Instituted by Comrade E. W. Buss, A. D. C.

Post No. 179, Johnstown, Cambria Co. Instituted by Comrade R. W. Hunt, A. D. C.

Post No. 180, Uniontown, Fayette Co. Instituted by Comrade W. B. Cook A. D. C., for Allegheny Co.

Post No. 181, Milton, Northumberland Co. Instituted by Comrade W. L. Donachy, Post No. 52.

Post No. 182, Bethlehem, Northampton Co. Instituted by Comrade W. W. Hammersly, Allentown.

Post No. 183, Plymouth, Luzerne Co. Instituted by Comrade H. C. Clapsaddle, Post No. 97.

Post No. 184, Ridgway, Elk Co. Instituted by Comrade Passel, Post 122.

Post No. 185, Alleutown, Lehigh Co. Instituted by Comrade W. W. Hammersly of Allentown.

Post No. 186, Shickshinny, Luzerne Co. Instituted by Comrade S. W. Reynolds A. D. C.

Post No. 187, Port Clinton, Schuylkill Co. Instituted by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Post No. 188, Tunkhaunock, Wyoming Co. Instituted by Comrade C. K. Campbell of the Council of Administration.

Post No. 189, Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co. (Since instituted by the A. A. G.)

Post No. 190, Williamsburg, Blair Co. (Since iustituted by Comrade W. Lee Woodcock, A. D. C., Blair Co.)

Post No. 191, West Lebanon, Indiana Co. (Since instituted by Comrade S. A. Douglass, A. D. C.)

A charter has been applied for from Union Mills, Erie Co.

I regret to say that by an oversight the first Post chartered this term was numbered wrong, a charter having previously been granted—Post 177, at Franklin, Venango Co., by your predecessor.

This can be easily remedied, as the latter has not met since its organization, aud should it be revived, can be re-numbered as Post 175, which Post has not been organized.

The radical changes uow made in all the forms for returns render corresponding changes at these Headquarters, imperatively necessary.

Except as a record to the present date, or for the consolidated table which may still be carried on, the book that has cost the A. A. G. so much trouble is almost useless.

The records of the A. A. G., Inspector and A. Q. M. General, cannot be kept satisfactorily on duplicate rolls. New books are necessary, in which shall be carefully entered all returns made to the Department officers, and from which the reports to National Headquarters and to Department Conventions can be made.

I am convinced that the time is close at hand for permanently locating these Headquarters, where a clerk can be employed to attend to all the clerical duties of the different Department officers. The records are becoming too cumbersome, and must suffer considerably in these yearly removals. If not deemed advisable to make this change now or during the term, I shall continue to devote all the time I can possibly spare from other duties in placing and keeping the records of the Department in proper shape. Considerable work may yet be required to obtain the returns from the Posts in arrears who may desire to continue their organization.

In addition to the acknowledgments for returns, transmitting General Orders, Circulars, &c., I have written 683 pages of letters, all of them copied and indexed in the Letter Books.

I have written letters to soldiers, whose addresses were obtained from Comrades in all those counties where there are no Posts established; being obliged to delay this work, there has probably not been sufficient time for the parties addressed to look into the matter.

In this work of extension, every Comrade should bear a share and use his influence wherever possible to establish Posts, where good Posts can be maintained.

The record book shows that 115 Posts have reported for June 30th, 8,631 members.

A detailed financial report has been handed to Comrade W. J. Mackey, A. Q. M. General, and by him incorporated in his return.

I am under many obligations to Comrade W. B. Cook, late A. A. G., for the kind and prompt manner in which he has given all information required of him.

Very Respectfully,

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Assist. Adjt. General.

Comrade W. J. Mackey, A. Q. M. General, then read his report of the financial condition of the Department for the term ending June 30th, 1869.

See Consolidated Report, Appendix.

The Assistant Inspector General, Comrade A. M. K. Storrie, then read the following report:

ALTOONA, *July 14th*, 1869.

ROBERT B. BEATH,
A. A. General, Dept. Penna.:

COMRADE: I have the honor to make the following report;

During the past six months I have visited a number of Posts in Philadelphia, also at Harrisburg, Lebanon, Allentown, Johnstown, Altoona, Allegheny county, Washington and Butler, all of which I find in good working order. Great efforts are being made to build up the Order on a sure foundation.

I am happy to state that the beautiful and impressive ceremony of decorating the graves of our deceased Comrades was generally observed throughout the Department.

Too much credit cannot be given to the Grand Commander, and A. A. G. for their earnest labors for the good of the Order in this Department.

I congratulate this Convention upon the bright prospects of our beloved Order, and hope that Pennsylvania will occupy her proper position in this army as she did in the armies of the Union during the war, which is the Post of honor.

With the prayer that the Convention will be harmonious and successful in transacting such business as will tend to strengthen our Order, and giving peace and good will to all mankind.

I Remain Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. M. K. STORRIE,
A. A. G., Dept. Penna.

Comrade S. B. Wylie Mitchell, Assistant Surgeon General made a verbal report.

Comrade A. R. Calhoun moved that the various reports be referred to a committee of five (5) to be appointed by the Commander.

Adopted.

The following Comrades were appointed:

Comrade A. R. Calhoun,	Post	No. 19.
" J. E. Harkins,	"	" 71.
" J. J. Cake,	"	" 23.
" W. B. Cook,	"	" 3.
" Beaton Smith,	"	" 140.

Convention adjourned at 12.20.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 1.45, P. M.

Comrade C. N. Brumm, Post 17, offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Post No. 19, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., has, by resolution, adopted May 14th, 1869, decided not to pass the Confederates sleeping in their lines, "but to divide each year between the Blue and the Grey, the first floral offerings of a common country;" and

WHEREAS, We deem it an act of gross injustice to our fallen Comrades, totally inconsistent and subservient of the fundamental principles of our Order; therefore be it

Resolved, That we the delegates to this Convention, express our unqualified condemnation of said act as unworthy of a soldier of the G. A. R., and we therefore forbid its repetition in this Department, under penalty of being dishonorably dismissed from the Order.

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to the next National Convention to do all in their power to have a law passed forbidding its repetition throughout the entire G. A. R.

Comrade J. A. M. Passmore, Post 23, moved to refer the preamble and resolution to the committee in charge of reports of Department officers.

After discussion on the motion to refer, and an eloquent speech by Comrade A. R. Calhoun, of Post No. 19, the resolutions were laid on the table.

For the purpose of allowing Comrade Brumm to strike out all references to Post 19, in the above resolutions, a motion was made to reconsider, which was lost.

The Committee to whom were referred the reports of the Department officers reported as follows:

Having examined the reports of the Commander, Bosbyshell, Assistant Adjutant General, Beath, A. Q. M. General, Mackey, Assist. Ins. General, Storrie and Assist. Surg. General, Mitchell, we find them correct and approve them. We particularly recommend Comrade Beath's resolutions.

A. R. CALHOUN,
Chairman Committee.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The following resolutions offered by Comrade J. Howard Jacobs, Post, 16, were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We the Comrades of the Department of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, reiterating the sentiments expressed by us on former occasions, that we disclaim the character of a partisan organization, or that we have in view any other objects than that of mutual assistance and self protection, to revive and strengthen old friendship formed in the field, and form new and intimate relations with others who united in the suppression of the rebellion, and to render proper aid and support to those left destitute by our fallen Comrades-in-arms.

Resolved, That we hold it to be the part of wisdom and duty, justice and right, religion and truth, in the Federal Government to bestow its patronage upon those who periled their lives, sacrificed their fortunes, and ruined their health that the country might live.

Resolved, That we most emphatically disapprove of the manner in which the claims of the soldier have been ignored by those who control the national appointments in Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That empty pledges and promises unfulfilled, are but mockery in answer to the wounded man's appeal, and cannot fail to react upon those responsible; and that we call upon those in power to redeem the solemn and oft-repeated pledges made to soldiers and sailors during the dark and terrible days of the rebellion.

The Convention, on motion, proceeded to nominate and select a place for the next Convention.

The following places were nominated: Lancaster, Pittsburgh, Scranton, Philadelphia, New Castle.

On motion, it was decided that a plurality vote should carry.

Comrade Wagner stated before the vote was taken, that a By-Law called for a majority of all the votes cast.

This By-Law could not be found by reference to the Minute Book.

The following was announced as the result of the vote:

Lancaster,	43	votes.
Pittsburgh,	88	"
Scranton,	65	"
Philadelphia,	3	"
New Castle,	none.	
Total,	199	votes.

Before the vote was announced, Comrade J. R. C. Ward, Post 1, moved to reconsider the vote requiring only plurality.

The motion was lost.

Comrade J. T. Pratt, Post 5, moved that the vote for Pittsburgh, be made unanimous.

Carried.

A recess until evening was here taken to allow the delegates to avail themselves of the courtesy of the Pennsylvania Railroad of an excursion to Cresson. At Cresson the delegates were kindly received by Mr. Mullen, proprietor of the Cresson House. The delegates returned highly delighted with their trip, and upon arriving at Altoona, they were received and welcomed by the Mayor in an interesting speech.

On re-assembling, Comrade H. J. Reeder, Post 129, moved that each speaker be allowed only two minutes on a debatable question. Comrade Louis Wagner moved to amend by making it only five minutes.

The Commander decided the amendment lost, from which decision Comrade Wagner appealed on the ground that the Commander should have allowed time for a division to be called for.

The Commander withdrew his decision and again put the amendment, which was lost.

The original motion was adopted.

Comrade C. N. Brumm, Post 17, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to the next National Encampment to do all in their power to have a resolution passed forbidding the decoration of the graves of the fallen soldiers of the late rebel army by any member of the G. A. R.

The resolution was laid on the table.

Comrade J. T. Pratt, Post 5, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that artificial limbs under ordinary circumstances, do not last longer than three years, this Convention heartily endorses the proposed action of Congress making an appropriation for an additional artificial limb for those honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who may make application for the same, and that the Congressional Committee to whom the matter was referred be requested to further the project.

Unanimously adopted.

Comrade W. B. Cook, Post 3, moved that such portion of these proceedings as may be deemed advisable, be published in the newspapers.

Adopted.

Comrade Louis Wagner, Post 6, moved that the Council of Administration prepare a report of all the proceedings of the different conventions in their judgment deemed proper for publication at a cost not to exceed $250.00.

Adopted.

Comrade S. B. Wylie Mitchell, Post 2, moved that in view of the arduous labors of the A. A. General, he receive an additional sum of two hundred dollars.

Adopted.

Comrade Chas. C. Teeter, Post 179, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to Post 62, Altoona, the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the citizens of Altoona, for the many kindnesses received at their hands during our stay with them.

Adopted.

Comrade W. B. Cook, Post 3, moved that the resolutions offered by the A. A. G., in his report, in reference to roster, suspension and ultimate disbandment of Posts in arrears be adopted.

Carried.

It was decided that on account of the smallness of the present meeting room, but one member of each delegation should remain and receive the new work.

The Convention then adjourned.

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Assist. Adjt. General.

(After adjournment, one delegate from each Post represented, took the obligations of the several grades, and was instructed in the new unwritten work.)

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Seventh Convention,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1870.

The Encampment assembled at Lafayette Hall, Wood street, Pittsburgh, at 3.30, P. M., Wednesday, January 26th, 1870.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Commander,.....O. C. BOSBYSHELL.
Senior Vice Commander,.....ROBERT L. BODINE.
Junior Vice Commander,.....E. A. MONTOOTH.
Asst. Adjutant General,.....ROBERT B. BEATH.
Asst. Quartermaster General,.....WILLIAM J. MACKEY.
Inspector,.....A. R. CALHOUN.
Judge Advocate,.....CHARLES ALBRIGHT.
Council of Administration,.....GEORGE W. GRANT.

OFFICERS ABSENT:

Medical Director,.....S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL.
Chaplain,.....REV. JOS. S. EVANS.
Council of Administration,.....C. K. CAMPBELL,
B. F. SELIGMAN,
CHARLES M. PREVOST,
WILLIAM D. CONNELLY.

The Commander, O. C. Bosbyshell, presided.

Proceedings opened with prayer by Comrade Louis Wagner, Post No. 6.

Past Department Commanders, Comrades Louis Wagner and A. L. Pearson, by invitation, took seats on the platform.

Comrade Geo. S. Wood, Post No. 151, was detailed as Officer of the Day, and under his direction all present were examined and reported having the countersign.

Comrades J. A. Price, Post No. 101, J. A. Swartz, Post No. 128, and Beaton Smith, Post No. 140, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and after investigation reported the following credentials and list of delegates as correct:

Post No. 1, Philadelphia,	No credentials.
Post No. 2, Philadelphia,	Chas. S. Greene, J. V. C.*
	J. Wilson DeWitt, M. D.*
Hays Post, No. 3, Pittsburgh,	John F. Hunter, P. C.*
	Crosby Gray.*
	Wm. B. Cook.*
J. T. Owen Post, No. 5, Philadelphia,	John T. Brady, P. C.*
	Wm. Blanck, Jr.*
	Joseph T. Pratt.
Ellis Post, No. 6, Germantown,	Charles W. Bolton, P. C.*
	Louis Wagner.*
Post No. 7, Philadelphia,	Failed to take new work.
E. D. Baker Post, No. 8, Philadelphia,	Eli G. Sellers, P. C.
	Joseph Bryant.*
Post No. 9, Gettysburg,	Failed to take new work.
Gen. Zook Post, No. 11, Norristown	John W. Schall.*
	John F. Hartranft.*
Lt. Sam. Clay Post, No. 12, Roxborough,	No returns.
Yeager Post, No. 13, Allentown,	No returns.
J. A. McLean Post, No. 16, Reading,	H. J. Beckhardt, P. C.
	George W. Grant.*
	George W. Durrell.*
	Jacob W. Glace.*
	Horace G. Boon.*
Lawrence Post, No. 17, Minersville,	W. D. H. Mason, P. C.
	James H. Levan.*
Fred. Taylor Post, No. 19, Philadelphia,	S. W. Pennypacker, P. C.*
	Thomas Flinn.*
	A. Coperthwaite.*
	William J. Smyth.*
	W. H. Shelmire.*
Robison Post, No, 20, Hazleton,	Noah Moyer, P. C.
	S. B. McQuade.
Gowen Post, No. 23, Pottsville,	C. E. Beck, P. C.
	Levi Huber.*
	F. B. Wallace.*
	J. A. M. Passmore.
Wilde Post, No. 25, Chester,	No credentials.
Jerry Helms Post, No. 26, Schuyl. Haven,	Wm. Eckert, P. C.*
	James K. Helms.*
J. W. Jackson Post, No. 27, Philadelphia,	No credentials.
Dentzer Post, No. 29, Cressona,	Luther R. Keefer, P. C.
	Samuel Hoover.
McCall Post, No. 31, West Chester,	David Jones, P. C.*
	W. F. Hibbard, Jr.*
	F. H. Taggart.*
	John J. Barber.*
Post No. 33, Huntingdon,	No reports.
Post No. 36, York,	No reports.
Post No. 41, Montrose,	Jerome K. Lyons, P. C.
	H. C. Jessup.
Post No. 42, Lebanon,	E. C. Woomer, P. C.
	Edward C. Euston.*
Hooker Post, No. 43, Ashland,	Isaac B. Jones, P. C.
	M. M. L'Velle.*
Lt. Josiah White Post, No. 45, Phoenixville,	Isaac Jones, P. C.
	Emnor K. Ramsey.*
Jno. Ennis Post, No. 47, St. Clair,	John S. Thomas, P. C.
	Thos. A. Nichols.*
Spyker Graham Post, No. 52, Lewisburg,	J. L. Briggs, P. C.
	B. F. Reichley.*
Moody Post, No. 53, Susquehanna Depot,	No credentials.
Post No. 58, Harrisburg,	Lane S. Hart, P. C.
	Robt. A. McCoy.*
	W. W. Jennings.*
Starkweather Post, No. 60, Monongahela City,	G. V. Miller, P. C.
	A. D. O'Donavan.*
Chapman Post, No. 61, Mauch Chunk,	N. H. Bieber, P. C.
	E. F. Luckenbach.*
	John Shields.*
Post No. 62, Altoona,	No credentials.
Strong Vincent Post, No. 67, Erie,	C. W. Lytle, P. C.*
	Thos. M. Walker.*

J. J. Andrews Post, No. 70, Corry,	No credentials.
Reynolds Post, No. 71, Philada.,	Geo. L. Tallman.*
	B. F. Bond.*
	W. C. Barnes.*
Craven Post, No. 75, New Castle,	H. Gilbert, P. C.*
	W. T. Dougherty.*
Post No. 78, Middletown,	In arrears.
Post No. 79, Conshohocken,	No credentials.
Shaw Post, No. 80, West Chester,	Edward Boardley, P. C.
	Levi M. Hood.*
Sedgwick Post, No. 82, Jonestown,	C. C. Hartline, P. C.
	Edward W. Shiner.
Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 84, Lancaster,	H. R. Brenneman, P. C.
	D. P. Rosenmiller.*
Sheridan Post, No. 88, Allegheny City,	Wm. Blakely, P. C.*
	Abm. Patterson.*
Maj. Jno. Bradley Post, No. 89, Pittston,	P. M. McArdle, P. C.*
	N. C. Giddings.*
Burnside Post, No. 92, Mt. Carmel,	W. C. James, P. C.
	A. M. Montelius.
Post No. 93, Meyerstown,	No credentials.
Ely Post, No. 97, Wilkesbarre,	Edward S. Osborne, P. C.
	George Davis.*
	A. von Schluembach.*
Hamilton Post, No. 98, Meadville,	Robert Andrews, P. C.
	John Adams.*
Raub Post, No. 101, Scranton,	John T. Howe, P. C.*
	J. A. Price.*
	C. E. UpDegraph.
Capt. D. J. Taylor Post, No. 103, W. Haven,	No credentials.
Col. Jas. Cameron Post, No. 105, Sunbury,	Silas E. Wials, P. C.
	Thad. S. Shannon.
	N. Ferree Lightner.*
Graham Post, No. 106, Pottstown,	Levi J. Fritz, P. C.
	Geo. Rice.
E. M. Stanton, Post No. 108, N. Brighton,	David Shields P. C.*
	C. K. Chamberlain.*
Stevens Post, No. 109, Providence,	No reports.
Severn Post, No. 110, Mahanoy City,	Geo. K. Reed, P. C.*
	John R. Porter.*
	L. J. McVickers.*
Harriger Post, No. 111, Curllsville,	L. R. Conrson, P. C.
	W. C. Pritner.*
Post No. 114, Carlisle,	Leopold Hegyi.*
Post No. 116, Mercer,	Jno. J. Gordan, P. C.*
Gen. McPherson Post, No. 117, E. Liberty,	Norman M. Smith, P. C.*
	Curtis G. Haven.*
Post No. 118, Columbia,	No credentials.
Post No. 121, McKeesport	In arrears.
Post No. 122, Lock Haven,	In arrears.
Post No. 124, Smithfield, Brad.	In arrears.
Post No. 127, Greenville,	In arrears.
Kimmel Post, No. 128, Mechanicsburg,	D. L. Pisle, P. C.*
	J. A. Swartz.*
Bell Post, No. 129, Easton,	H. G. H. Tarr, P. C.*
	Frank Reeder.*
	Geo. Thatcher.*
Col. A. A. McKnight Post, No. 134, Brookville.	J. Frank Crain, P. C.
	W. F. Stewart.*
Williams Post, No. 136, Tremont,	S. H. Clouser, P. C.*
	Jas. N. Garrett.*
Lincoln Post, No. 140, Shamokin,	Beaton Smith, P. C.*
	John A. Berdanier.*
	C. W. Weaver, M. D.
Post No. 143, Brooklyn,	No credentials.
Post No. 144, Port Carbon	No credentials.
Post No. 146, Shenandoah,	John Hutton.*
	H. Horncastle.*
Bradbury Post, No. 149, Glen Riddle,	John F. Gorman, P. C.
	C. C. V. Crawford, M. D.*
Col. J. W. Patterson Post, No. 151, Birmingham.	Philip Hoerr, P. C.*
	D. A. Jones.*
	Geo. S. Wood.*
	Jos. H. Burt.*
Thoburn Post; No. 155, E. Bethlehem,	John Dabinett, P. C.*
	Lewis M. Cleaver, P. C.*
Post No. 156, Butler,	Not taken new work.
Rawlins Post, No. 157, Hamburg,	Wm. R. Smith, P. C.
	Jackson Levan.
Duncan Post, No. 158, Greensboro,	No returns.
Post No. 160, Oil City,	A. P. Duncan, P. C.

Greble Post, No. 161, Philadelphia,	Wm. L. Curry, P. C. Geo. P. McLean.
Post No. 163, Philadelphia,	John F. Glenn, P. C.
Kearny Post, No. 164, Indiana,	Wm. R. Black, P. C.* A. J. Hamilton.*
Post No. 165, Smithfield, Fayette,	No returns.
Col. Saml. Black Post, No. 167, Tarr Farm,	Geo. W. Thompson, S. V. C.* Robt. Sutton.*
Averill Post, No. 168, California,	Jesse P. Beazell, P. C.*
Milroy Post, No. 169, Farmington,	Z. A. Wilson, P. C.
Kramer Post, No. 170, Catawissa,	No credentials.
Post No. 171, Townville,	L. L. Lamb, P. C.*
Post No. 172, Rush,	No credentials.
Post No. 174, Thompson Centre,	No credentials.
Post No. 176, Lewistown,	C. J. Arms, P. C. Chas. S. Marks.*
Conner Post, No. 177, Summit Hill,	S. F. Minnick.*
Post No. 178, Mill Village,	Jas. Watson, P. C.*
Post No. 179, Johnstown,	No reports.
Post No. 180, Uniontown,	No reports.
Post No. 181, Milton,	Failed to take new work.
Post No. 182, Bethlehem,	No reports.
Post No. 183, Plymouth,	No reports.
Post No. 184, Ridgeway,	No reports.
Post No. 186, Shickshinny,	No reports.
Reno Post, No. 187, Port Clinton,	No credentials.
Roberts Post, No. 188, Tunkhannock,	R. W. Bannatyne, P. C. John Broughton.
Doubleday Post, No. 189, Tamaqua,	H. H. Snyder, P. C.* Edwin A. Jones.* David G. Lewis.*
Post No. 190, Williamsburg,	No reports.
Post No. 191, West Lebanon,	No reports.
Carrol Post, No. 192, Union Mills,	No credentials.
Lt. Orth Post, No. 193, Hummelstown,	C. Hummel, P. C.
Kane Post, No. 194, Tidioute,	E. T. Goodrich. John Andrews.*
Post No. 195, Milroy,	Roland Thompson, P. C.* A. T. Hiland.*
Jackson Post, No. 196, Kittanning	J. E. Alward, P. C. A. J. Elliott.
Lt. Stevens Post, No. 197, Olyphant,	No credentials.
Capt. D. Crum Post, Post 198, Dayton,	D. P. Marshall, P. C.* Fletcher Smullen.
Willie Jones Post, No. 199, Hyde Park,	D. M. Jones, P. C.* Thos. D. Lewis.*
Hoyt Post, No. 200, Kingston,	No credentials.
Anthony Post, No. 201, Williamstown,	S. D. Byerly, P. C. Daniel Chester.*

*Present.

[NOTE.—Added by A. A. General to complete list of Posts at date of printing:

Perkins Post, No. 202, Athens, Bradford Co.,	E. A. Spalding, P. C.
Wolf Post, No. 203, Pinegrove, Schuylkill Co.,	P. A. Filbert, P. C.
Post No. 204, Beaver,	
Post No. 205, Belvernon, Fayette Co.,	Geo. V. Miller, P. C.
Post No. 206, Newport, Perry Co.,	Wm. A. Zinn, P. C.]

The report of the Committee on Credentials was accepted and the committee discharged.

Comrade A. L. Pearson, of the Committee on Reception, announced that there would be a public meeting at 7½ o'clock in the evening, in Lafayette Hall, and that the delegates were invited to afterwards partake of a banquet prepared by the Posts of Allegheny County.

(For these exercises, see Appendix.)

Reports of the Commander, Assist. Adjt. General, Assist. Quartermaster General and Judge Advocate, were then read.

(For A. Q. M. General's Report, see Consolidated Report, Appendix.)

Report of the Commander.

Comrades: During the year just passed the Grand Army of the Republic has altered its rules and regulations, remodeled its ritual, and, in fact, thoroughly changed its organization. Many old members have been lopped off, and the Order as regards this State, become greatly reduced in numbers. Whether this change is for the better or not, the future must decide. The working element of the Order is still within our ranks, and with the proper efforts put forth during the coming year, the next annual Encampment will represent a strong, healthy and vigorous organization.

For the work accomplished in the Department for the past year, I respectfully refer to the reports of the Assist. Adjt. General, Assist Q. M. General, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Medical Director, and Council of Administration, wherein will be found a full account of their respective duties and actions, with many valuable suggestions, calling for the careful consideration of the Encampment.

The expenses of the Department have been heavy—necessarily so however, requiring the utmost economy on the part of the officers.

A serious inconvenience is often felt at Headquarters from the fact of having no funds to relieve transient soldier applicants for aid, who come well recommended from other Departments, and I have with the consent of the Council of Administration, granted aid to such applicants as I have felt could not be sent away empty-handed. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested that the Posts in the Department, when raising funds for the relief of soldiers in their neighborhood, appropriate a small sum out of their net profits for a Charity Fund, to be placed at the disposal of the Commander of the Department, and put in the custody of the Assist. Q. M. General, and held sacred for charitable purposes, Let the Assist. Q. M. General keep an accurate account of orders drawn on him, with the name of the party relieved, and such other particulars as may be interesting, and present a separate report of the manner in which the fund is appropriated. A small donation from the Relief Fund of each Post, yearly, would be amply sufficient for the purpose.

The semi-annual session of the Grand Encampment, Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, held last July, adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The General Government require all who make a living by playing hand-organs and other musical instruments to pay a license tax of ten dollars, and this tax as to maimed soldiers, sailors and marines, who became so in defence of their country's flag and honor, is unjust and burdensome; therefore

Resolved, That the Department Commander be instructed to request the Senators and members of Congress of this State, to use all honorable measures in their power to have the revenue laws so amended as to exempt honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines from the said tax; also from the special tax imposed upon such as are peddlers.

In obedience to this resolution, Comrade Senior Vice Commander Edward B. Lansing, commanding Department of New York, laid the matter before each U. S. Senator and Representative from that State, in a letter strongly appealing to their sense of justice and right. It is suggested that some similar action be taken by this Encampment, to induce the National Legislature to remove so onerous and unjust a tax.

In General Orders, No. 6, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, sent to every Post in the Department, the suggestion of Comrade Shaw, Jr., of Department of Rhode Island, was recommended for adoption by all the Posts in the United States. That suggestion was for the Comrades to prepare "personal reminiscences of the war," to be read at the meeting of their Posts, and to be accounts of transactions coming under the immediate observation of the narrator. These papers to be preserved as Grand Army papers—filed away in the Posts and reported to National Headquarters, where they would be indexed, so that a complete record of the war could in time be collected of great value to the future historian. The suggestion is a valuable one, and worthy of the consideration of

all our Comrades. It should be carried out in every Post faithfully, and at stated times public meetings might be called, to assemble in the Post rooms, to which a small admittance fee could be asked, and such of these papers read as would be interesting to the general public—the money thus raised going to swell the relief funds of Posts. It has been further proposed by a Comrade of this Department, that a Grand Army Magazine be published, embodying the current literature of the day; but having for its main object the furtherance of our organization, in making known fully its objects, and offering a medium through which the best army essays, prepared as suggested by Comrade Shaw, could be gathered together, disseminated and preserved.

The attention of this Encampment is invited to that portion of the last annual message of the Governor of this State, Comrade Jno. W. Geary, recommending that measures be taken to establish a home for helpless soldiers "who have borne the battle in defence of the honor, integrity and perpetuity of the American Union, " where they shall be amply provided with the necessary comforts of life, and no longer be compelled to be pensioners upon the scanty charity of the world."

It would be proper for us to show our approval of this recommendation, and resolutions might be properly introduced praying the law-making power to take action towards carrying out this patriotic and eminently just proposition for the maintenance of our helpless Comrades.

This Encampment must elect delegates to the next National Encampment, before which matters of great importance will be brought.

The business of our Order in Posts is all conducted in the second grade. This, I think, should be amended so as to throw all the business into the third or Veteran Grade, and recruits should be required to wait one month before becoming Soldiers—Soldiers one month before becoming Veterans. The advancement to each grade should be by ballot, so that a Veteran will have stood the test of three ballots. Without the exercise of the greatest caution, as it exists, the second and third grades are apt to become known to those who should be kept in ignorance thereof. The time between the second and third grades now is entirely too long, and the Soldier is very likely to lose his interest in the Order during his six months probation. The experience of this Department points to a reform in this matter, and we should instruct our delegates to the National Encampment, to urge the amendments proposed.

The feasibility of connecting a scheme of Co-operative Life Insurance with the Grand Army of the Republic, originated by Comrade E. F. M. Fachtz of the Department of the Potomac, will come before the National Encampment for adoption or rejection. This scheme was favorably reported on by the committee of five appointed at the Cincinnati Encampment to the special session of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in the city of New York, and by that session referred to the Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, together with one member of the U. S. Senate, and one member of the House of Representatives, to be chosen by the officers named, as a committee to take the whole subject under advisement, and report as to its practicability at the next Encampment. The plan of Comrade Faehtz has been submitted to the Posts of this Department, and it would be well to direct the delegates to the National Encampment to look into the scheme closely, in order that they can act intelligently upon the subject. The matter is one of great importance and demands the earnest consideration of all Comrades.

Sometime during the early part of last month, a Mr. H. G. Mair, of Warren, Pennsylvania, called upon me with letters of introduction and recommendation from Governor Geary, Judge Schofield, Ex-Governor Fenton of New York, and others desiring my co-operation and that of our organization, in furthering the passage of a bill through Congress, presented by Judge Schofield, amending the Homestead Act, so as to allow honorably discharged soldiers the right of pre-empting lands of the Government without actual settlement for two and a half years; but requiring a settlement of the lands pre-empted after that time, and a residence of two and a half years before deed would issue.

Without giving the subject much thought, having confidence in the recommendations, I wrote letters to Comrades desiring their co-operation, and ap-

pointing meetings for Mr. Mair, but thinking it not exactly proper to do this officially, I signed these letters individually and not as Commander. The matter assumed, however, a sort of semi-official character, and I deem it right to state my action to the Encampment. Whether the passage of such an act would enure to the benefit of soldiers or not, is a matter requiring thought and consideration, and in the event of any action being had by this Encampment, I would advise that extreme caution be exercised, before taking steps that might be difficult to retrace.

It is earnestly recommended that the business of this Encampment be calmly considered, and that the Comrades give sufficient time to allow of this. Do not let us hurry matters through. Some time should be given for a proper installation of the incoming officers, and it is hoped that the hasty exit of the last Encampment, will not mark the termination of this. If it is the earnest desire of the Comrades to further the interests of the G. A. R., let them be willing to devote enough time for a thorough investigation of all subjects brought up.

I desire to thank the officers of the Department and the Comrades generally, for the uniform kindness and courtesy they have constantly extended me, and particularly do I wish to express my acknowledgments to the Assist. Adjutant General. He has devoted himself unceasingly to the G. A. R.,—thoroughly reorganizing his whole office, and putting the books therein in perfect order. Without detriment to the other distinguished Comrades who have filled this office, I can candidly say that Comrade Beath's labors have been triple theirs, and to him the Department is indebted for the proud position it occupies at National Headquarters.

In retiring from the position of Commander, believe me the Order will be foremost in my thoughts, and its welfare ever the object of my care. This Department has my best wishes, and if at any time my services can be of use, I shall be pleased to render them. Let our great principle—Charity, be the constant guiding star—throw around the helpless the protecting care of our grand organization, and by our conduct, let us command the respect and esteem of all good men.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
O. C. BOSBYSHELL,
Commander.

Report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Assistant Adjutant General's Office,
Pottsville, January 24th, 1870.

O. C. Bosbyshell,
Commanding Department:

Comrade: Since my last report the returns of Posts shows a large falling off in numbers.

This must be a matter of regret to all concerned; but it should be remembered that the figures reported in July, embraced many who had probably never entered the Post-room after muster-in, but who had not then been dropped from the rolls. Other causes have operated against us. In the early part of our history there were indications that the organization would be an immense lever for raising soldiers and sailors into place and power; and this naturally drew into the Order many men who were determined to use it for their own personal ends, and in many cases success or failure in this has brought the same result—the withdrawal of such from active co-operation with the organization.

The new Rules and Regulations, and General Orders, required all members to take the new obligations, and to file with their Posts their military history, &c

In hundreds of cases Comrades refused or neglected to comply with these requirements, and they are consequently no longer connected with us.

For the third and fourth quarters, 1869, reports have been required on the new forms; I regret to say that many Post Commanders did not exact rigid compliance with the Orders by their members, and they were therefore unable to make returns for weeks after the time fixed by the rules. Believing that if these reports were carelessly passed over now, they might never be completed, I have insisted upon strict compliance with the requirements.

The negligence and carelessness of many Post officers entailed on the A. A. G., an immense amount of unnecessary labor for the third quarter, 1869. Differences between the reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster as to numbers of members and veterans upon whom dues were to be paid, and payments of dues at all kinds of figures were numerous. I am glad to state that the remedy applied in General Orders, No. 13, has resulted in a great improvement for the last quarter—in, probably, not more than half a dozen cases were the requirements of that Order neglected.

I have been unable to get Posts generally to give the Surgeon's report (Form F,) the attention its importance deserves.

The main intention of the report is to find out the number of our members wounded or crippled.

A large number of Posts are still in arrears for returns and dues to the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.

In relation to finances, the receipts for the past six months have been heavy, the expenses correspondingly so.

A profit has been made on the sale of blanks—estimating articles on hand at their retail price—of about $425. This has been of considerable benefit, as our receipts from dues and charter-fees, would have been inadequate to meet the payments of salaries and current expenses.

We still owe National Headquarters for blanks $296.02, and Comrade Wm. B. Cook, late A. A. G., $100.00. The blanks, &c., on hand are valued at $193.00.

All moneys received for Veteran Tax is turned over to the National Headquarters, and one cent per quarter on each member as dues. This leaves the available portion of the *per capita* tax entirely too small for the proper support of the Department.

In the Department of New York, the tax has been fifteen per cent. on receipts, and as the dues of the members will average at least three dollars per annum, this makes about forty-five cents *per capita*. I earnestly recommend the assessment of the *per capita* tax at ten cents per quarter; this will enable us to get clear of debt, and with care will leave the Department a small balance on hand next year.

I am convinced that frequent visits to Posts by the Department officers would be productive of great benefit. If any of the Department officers could visit those places where Posts have gone down, or where no Posts are yet established and explain fully to soldiers and sailors the principles and objects of our Order, as well as to visit and encourage weak and struggling Posts, the Order would be thereby materially strengthened. Officers cannot or ought not to be expected to bear all their own expenses in this work, and as there is now no provision for this, I recommend the adoption of a by-law allowing officers their actual traveling expenses when on G. A. R. business.

The clerical work of the Department must be mainly done in the office of the A. A. G., and as under our present rules the A. Q. M. G. has but little to do, I recommend that there be no salary allowed that office during the ensuing year at least.

At the last Department Encampment, the printing of the proceedings of that as well as all other preceding conventions, was ordered. As at that time, and for some weeks after, my time was too much occupied with other important business as well as the usual daily work incumbent on this office, I was unable to devote the time necessary to transcribe the MSS. for the printer. With your approval, a Comrade of Post No. 23, was engaged for this work as well as to transcribe all the past records into a larger and more durable book. This cost forty dollars.

It was at this time found that the Department funds would be sadly depleted through the great number of Comrades not taking the new work, and it was therefore earnestly enjoined upon Posts, by circular, that they subscribe for copies, which we had contracted to have printed at the very low price of six cents each, in the hope that Comrades generally would see the utility and necessity for prompt action that would relieve the Department and allow the work to be done. Only about eighteen hundred copies were thus subscribed for, and as the work could not be done at the low price mentioned, for less than five thousand copies, it has not been proceeded with.

The work is a necessity and I hope will yet be finished.

The General Orders have given the details of the establishment of new Posts, or disbandment of old ones. To-day I have received the charter and rituals of Post 185, of Allentown, but no reason has been given for the surrender of the charter.

Post 181, of Milton—a new Post—has not taken the new work. I have written several parties reported as officers or members, but have received no reply. Posts 7, of Philadelphia, and 9, of Gettysburg, have also failed to receive the new work, and these Posts are, under the new rules, virtually disbanded.

I respectfully offer certain by-laws* for the consideration and action of the Encampment.

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedient
Servant and Comrade,
ROBERT B. BEATH,
Asst. Adjt. General.

(*By-Laws given in full as adopted, at close of these proceedings.)

Report of the Judge Advocate.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Pittsburgh, January 26th, 1870.

COL. ROBT. B. BEATH,
A. A. G., Dept. Penna.:

COL: I have the pleasure to announce to you that during the period I have been the Judge Advocate of this Department but two cases have been referred to me, and been disposed of as seemed just and right.

It is a source of congratulation that the business of the Department has been so harmonious and fraternal that the services of the Judge Advocate have been but little required.

I have the honor to be very truly,
Your Obedient Servant,
CHAS. ALBRIGHT,
Judge Advocate.

Comrade Frank Reeder, Post No. 129, moved that the reports just read be received, and the suggestions contained therein be referred to a committee of five for consideration.

Comrade Swartz, of Post No. 128, moved to amend by making the motion read, "That the reports be adopted as read."

The amendment was lost. Yeas, 9; Nays, 40.

The motion of Comrade Reeder was adopted.

The Commander appointed the following named Comrades as the committee.

Comrade Frank Reeder,	Post No.	129.
" Geo. S. Wood,	" "	151.
" Chas. S. Greene,	" "	2.
" Jno. F. Hartranft,	" "	11.
" Chas. Albright,	*Inspector.*	

It was resolved that when the Convention adjourn, it be to meet at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Comrade Wagner, Post No. 6, moved that we proceed to the nomination and election of officers.

Comrade Bodine, S. V. C., moved to amend by striking out all after "nomination," and insert "and that the election will be held to-morrow morning."

The amendment was lost.

The original motion was then adopted.

For Commander—Comrade Hartranft nominated Comrade A. R. Calhoun, of Post No. 19, Philadelphia.

Comrade R. L. Bodine, of Post No. 2, was nominated, but declined in favor of Comrade Calhoun.

Comrade John T. Brady, of Post No. 5, moved that Comrade Calhoun be elected by acclamation.

Unanimously adopted.

Comrade Calhoun then returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

For *Senior Vice Commander*, the nominations were:

Comrade Geo. S. Wood,	Post No.	151, Birmingham.
" Howard J. Reeder,	" "	129, Easton.
" A. C. Reinoehl,	" "	84, Lancaster.

Comrades Cook, of Post No. 3, and Grant, of Post No. 16, were appointed Tellers, who reported the following as the result of the election:

Comrade Wood,	Received	60 votes.
" Reeder,	"	21 "
" Reinoehl,	"	13 "

Comrade Geo. S. Wood, of Post No. 151, was then declared elected.

On motion, the election was made unanimous.

For *Junior Vice Commander*, the nominations were:

Comrade Chas. Albright,	Post	61, Mauch Chunk.
" Danl. S. Porter,	"	164, Indiana.
" David Jones,	"	31, West Chester.
" J. A. Price,	"	101, Scranton.

The Tellers reported the following as the result of the election:

		1st. Ballot.	2d. Ballot.
Comrade Albright,	Received	50 votes.	67 votes.
" Price,	"	15 "	... "
" Porter,	"	30 "	30 "
" Jones,	"	7 "	... "

Comrade Chas. Albright, of Post No. 61, was declared elected.

On motion, his election was made unanimous.

Adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order at 10 o'clock, Thursday, January 27th, 1870, by Commander Bosbyshell.

Meeting opened with prayer by Comrade Wagner.

The elections and nominations were then continued.

For *Medical Director* the nomination was,

Comrade J. Wilson DeWitt,.....Post No. 2, Philada.

Comrade Price, Post 101, moved that a ballot be dispensed with, and Comrade DeWitt be elected by acclamation.

Unanimously adopted.

For *Chaplain* the nominations were,

Comrade Rev. J. J. Marks,.....Post 134, Brookville.
" Fred. A. Tencate,..... " 45, Phoenixville.

The Tellers reported the following as the result of the election:

Comrade Marks,.....Received 25 votes.
" Tencate,..... " 19 "

On motion, Comrade Marks was declared unanimously elected.

Comrade H. C. Hunsberger, delegate from Post No. 13, presented his credentials.

The Post being in arrears for dues, the delegate was admitted to a seat without the right to vote.

For *Council of Administration* the nominations were,

Comrade Chas. S. Greene,.....Post No. 2, Philadelphia.
" Thos. A. Nicholls,..... " " 47, St. Clair.
" Lane S. Hart,..... " " 58, Harrisburg.
" C. K. Campbell,..... " " 89, Pittston.
" Frank Reeder,..... " " 129, Easton.

They were declared elected by acclamation.

The following Comrades were then declared unanimously elected officers for the ensuing year:

Commander, A. R. Calhoun,.....Post No. 19, Philadelphia.
S. V. Commander, Geo. S. Wood,..... " " 151, Birmingham.
J. V. Commander, Chas. Albright,..... " " 61, Mauch Chunk.
Medical Director, J. W. DeWitt,..... " " 2, Philadelphia.
Chaplain, Rev. J. J. Marks,..... " " 134, Brookville.

Council of Administration,

Comrade Chas. S. Greene,.....Post No. 2, Philadelphia.
" Thos. A. Nicholls,..... " " 47, St. Clair.
" Lane S. Hart,..... " " 58, Harrisburg.
" C. K. Campbell,..... " " 89, Pittston.
" Frank Reeder,..... " " 129, Easton.

Nominations and elections for delegate to the National Encampment.

For *Delegate at Large*, the nomination was,

Comrade Jno. F. Hartranft,.....Post No. 11, Norristown.

Unanimously elected by acclamation.

For *Delegates*, the nominations were,

			Received.
Comrade R. L. Bodine,	Post No. 2,		37 votes.
" E. A. Montooth,	" "	3,	18 "
" A. L. Pearson,	" "	3,	35 "
" Jno. T. Brady,	" "	5,	10 "
" Louis Wagner,	" "	6,	56 "
" Robt. B. Beath,	" "	23,	53 "
" Levi G. McCauly,	" "	31,	19 "
" W. W. Jennings,	" "	58,	13 "
" Daniel Leasure,	" "	75,	18 "
" Wm. Blakeley,	" "	88,	8 "
" J. A. Price,	" "	101,	6 "
" N. M. Smith,	" "	117,	7 "
" D. H. Kimmell,	" "	128,	8 "
" A. B. McLain,	" "	134,	9 "

It was moved that the four Comrades receiving the highest number of votes be declared unanimously elected.

Lost.

On motion, the four Comrades receiving the highest number of votes were declared the delegates to the National Convention.

In accordance with this motion, Comrades Wagner, Beath, Bodine and Pearson, were announced as the delegates.*

Comrade Tarr, of Post No. 129, moved that in voting for a place to hold the next Encampment, the roll be called, and each delegate then announce his vote.

Adopted.

Wilkes-Barre, Reading, and Erie, were then named, and the election resulted in the choice of Wilkes-Barre, the vote being as follows:

For Wilkes-Barre,	65 votes.
" Reading,	17 "
" Erie,	11 "

On motion of Comrade Wagner, Wednesday, July 20th, 1870, was fixed at the time for the Semi-Annual Encampment.

The Committee on the "Reports of Officers," presented through Comrade Frank Reeder, Chairman, the following report, which was on motion accepted, and the committee discharged.

(The report was considered *seriatim*, and the action of the Encampment is appended to each paragraph.)

MONONGAHELA HOUSE,
PITTSBURGH, PENNA.,
January 27th, 1870.

To the Encampment:

Dept. of Penna., G. A. R.:

Comrades: The committee to whom was referred the reports of the officers of the Department, with instructions to make recommendations on the different suggestions contained in said reports would respectfully submit the following:

First. In regard to the suggestion of the Commander, that the several Posts apportion a part of their relief funds to a general fund to be under the disbursement of the A. Q. M. G., it is recommended that it be not agreed to at this time,

*This Department being entitled to another delegate, Comrade E. A. Montooth has been since elected to that position by the Council of Administration.

as the Posts generally are not in a condition at present to so divide their funds, and also because the Posts are more available for the relief of suffering Comrades than the A. Q. M. General.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

Second. It is recommended that the action of the Encampment, Department of New York, be concurred in, and laid before the Senators and Representatives in Congress.

(See the Preamble and Resolutions in the Report of the Commander, page 61.)

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

At a later stage of the meeting, Comrade A. R. Calhoun, Post No. 19, moved to reconsider the vote adopting the above preamble and resolutions, which was carried.

Comrade Calhoun then moved to strike out all in reference to organ-grinders. Carried.

The recommendation of the committee, as amended, was then adopted.

Third. It is also recommended that each Post provide a book in which will be entered the reminiscenses of the Comrades of the Post.

Adopted.

Fourth. Your committee also recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Scranton, of Scranton, Pa., proposes to publish a weekly newspaper in the interest of the G. A. R., of the Department; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the A. A. G. be instructed to forward copies of all official orders to said paper; and further, that said paper be recommended to the support of the Comrades of the G. A. R.

Comrade Tarr, Post 129, moved that a guarantee be required that the paper should not be used for partisan purposes.

Comrade Pennypacker, Post 19, moved that the A. A. G. furnish the General Orders of the Department, to all papers that will publish them.

Comrade Wagner, Post No. 6, moved that the whole subject be referred to the Council of Administration with power to act.

On motion, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Fifth. It is further recommended that we ask the Legislature of Pennsylvania, to establish a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines from Pennsylvania, who served in the late rebellion, in accordance with the recommendation of Governor Geary in his late message, and that we assist Post No. 58, of Harrisburg, in having their petitions distributed and signed.

Adopted.

Sixth. The suggestion of the Commander, "That the delegates to the National Encampment, be instructed to urge that the business of the Order be done in the respective Posts in the Veteran grade, and that the time now required before recruits can become Soldiers, be reduced to one month; and from Soldier to Veteran also reduced to one month," is recommended for your adoption.

Adopted.

Seventh. In relation to the subject of the Grand Army Bequest, or Co-operative Life Insurance, the committee recommend the reference of the subject to the delegates to National Encampment.

Adopted.

Eighth. In relation to the proposition of Mr. H. G. Mair, of Warren, Pa., desiring the co-operation of our organization in furthering the passage of a bill through Congress, amending the Homestead Act, so as to allow honorably discharged soldiers the right of pre-empting lands of the Government without actual settlement for two and a half years, &c. Your committee report that not having time to thoroughly investigate the subject, and having some doubts as to its being of any advantage to the soldier, we are not prepared to recommend any favorable consideration of the matter.

The subject was laid on the table.

Ninth. In reference to the By-Laws offered by the A. A. G., the committee recommend that the blank in reference to salary of A. A. G., in first Article, be filled at "six hundred dollars," and the article adopted.

(See By-Laws in full at close of Proceedings.)

Article First.—"Duties of A. A. G."

Adopted.

Article Second.—"Applications for Political Offices."

Adopted.

Article Third.—"Special Sessions."

Reported negatively by the committee, was withdrawn by the A. A. G., by unanimous consent.

Article Fourth.—"*Per Capita* Tax," (re-numbered Three in Appendix.)

Adopted.

Article Fifth.—"Traveling Expenses of Officers." (Re-numbered Four.)

Adopted.

Article Sixth.—"Amendment to By-Laws." (Re-numbered Eight.)

Comrade Swartz moved to amend by striking out the words after "Encampment."

Lost.

Comrade Swartz moved to amend by making the Article read, "These By-Laws may be added to, amended or suspended by a three-fourths vote at any annual or semi-annual Encampment."

On motion of Comrade Wagner, "semi-annual" was stricken out.

Comrade Huber, Post No. 23, moved to further amend by adding that any amendments to the By-Laws should be submitted at the preceding semi-annual Encampment.

The amendment was laid on the table.

It being decided that this action carried the subject with it, Comrade Wagner offered the Article as an additional by-law, and it was so adopted. (*Article Eighth*, By-Laws appended.)

Comrade Wagner also offered by-laws numbered in Appendix 5, 6, and 7, which were unanimously adopted.

Tenth. In regard to the suggestions of the A. A. G., that no salary be attached to the office of the A. Q. M. General for the ensuing year, the committee recommend that in view of the fact that the A. Q. M. G. is to give bonds in the sum of fifty dollars for each Post—the salary be one hundred dollars for the year.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were then presented and acted upon :

RESOLUTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

To the Representatives to the National Encampment.

By Comrade Smyth, Post No. 19.

To change Rules and Regulations to make Post and Past Post Commanders and Commanders, and Vice Commanders of Departments, and Past Commanders, and Vice Commanders of Departments only, eligible to be representatives to the Department and National Encampments respectively.

Not adopted.

By Comrade Albright, Judge Advocate.

To ask that Section 1, Article III, Chapter 3, Rules and Regulations, be so changed, as to dispense with the Semi-Annual Department Encampment; and the time for annual Encampments to be left discretionary with Departments.

Adopted.

By Comrade McCoy, Post No. 58.

To ask for a change in the terms of Post officers from six months to one year.

Adopted.

By Comrade Stewart, Post No. 134.

To offer a motion for the adoption of a distinctive regalia for the grades to be worn in Posts.

Adopted.

By Comrade Swartz, Post No. 128.

To oppose any change in the present mode of electing representatives to Department Encampments.

Adopted.

By Comrade Montooth, J. V. C.

To urge that Past Department Commanders be *ex officio* members of the Department Encampment.

Adopted.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

By Comrade Smyth, Post No. 19.

Resolved, That each Post, in this Department, be recommended to appoint a committee to assist its members and soldiers, sailors and marines, and the widows and orphans on the pension lists in collecting their pensions without the intervention of the claim agents, as it is beyond doubt that many pensioners have been defrauded out of the greater portion of their pensions.

Adopted.

By Comrade R. L. Bodine, S. V. C.

Resolved, That the Convention respectfully request that the history of Pennsylvania Volunteers as ordered by a former Legislature, be completed and distributed as a befitting tribute to the services of our soldiers in the field, and that the A. A. G. transmit copies of this resolution to the Legislature now in session.

Adopted.

By Comrade Sutton, Post No. 167.

That in view of the *per capita* tax being raised to 40 cents per annum, all blanks be furnished Posts by the A. A. G., free of charge.

Laid on the table.

By Comrade Hartranft, Post No. 11.

That a committee be appointed, to confer with the proper authorities, and request that one copy of Bates's History of the Pennsylvania Volunteers be furnished each Post of the G. A. R., in the Department of Pennsylvania.

Adopted.

Comrade John F. Hartranft was named as such committee.

By Comrade Hartranft.

That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to visit the various Soldiers' Orphans Schools of Pennsylvania, supported by State appropriations, and examine into the management of the same, and report in writing to the next semi-annual Encampment. The committee to defray their own expenses.

Adopted.

This committee consists of Comrades John F. Hartranft, *Chairman;* Charles Albright, Mauch Chunk; Frank Reeder, Easton; Thomas M. Walker, Erie, and E. A. Montooth.

On motion, proceeded to the installation of the officers elect, who were present.

Comrades Junior Vice Commander Montooth, Senior Vice Commander Bodine, and Commander Bosbyshell, then administered the obligations of their offices to Comrades Chas. Albright, J. V. C. elect, George S. Wood, S. V. C. elect, and A. R. Calhoun, Commander elect, respectively.

The Encampment again proceeded to action on resolutions offered.

By Comrade Wagner.

Resolved, That the A. A. G., under the direction of the Council of Administration, prepare and publish to the various Posts in this Department, a synopsis of the proceedings of this session of the Department Encampment.

Adopted.

By Comrade Wagner.

That the thanks of this Department are due and are hereby tendered to the various railroad companies and hotels reducing their charges to delegates.

Adopted.

Comrade Dougherty, of Post No. 75, presented a series of resolutions from his Post, relative to a change in the Rules and Regulations, permitting soldiers and sailors, other than those engaged in the suppression of the rebellion, to become Comrades of the G. A. R.

The resolutions were not concurred in.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Comrade W. B. Cook, and adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Comrade O. C. Bosbyshell, our worthy Commander, has, during the past year, given his undivided attention to the Grand Army of the Republic, and by his zeal and perseverance greatly benefited the organization; therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department be and they are hereby tendered to Comrade Bosbyshell for his zeal and activity in the interests of our organization.

Resolved, That the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General are directed to transmit to Past Commander Bosbyshell a certified copy of this preamble and resolutions.

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to obtain and present to Comrade Bosbyshell a badge of the G. A. R., as a mark of our esteem for him personally, and a slight token of our appreciation for his services as Commander of this Department.

The Commander appointed the following committee to carry out the object of the foregoing resolutions:

Comrades Cook, Albright, Wagner, Bodine and Beath.

Comrade Albright offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to Posts No. 3, 88, 117 and 151, of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and the borough of Birmingham, for the generous and fraternal reception and entertainment which they gave to the members of this Convention, and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Posts named.

On motion of Comrade Blakeley, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department are tendered to Comrade Curtis S. Haven for the badges gratuitously presented to the delegates.

On motion of Comrade Bodine, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and they are hereby tendered to Comrades A. L. Pearson, W. B. Cook and S. P. Gamble, of Post No. 3, of Pittsburgh; Comrades Wm. Blakely, A. Patterson and J. R. Donaldston, of Post No. 88, of Allegheny City; Comrades Geo. S. Wood, D. A. Jones and John J. Herzog, of Post No. 151 of Birmingham, and to Comrades C. S. Haven, J. F. Denniston and John Grayson, of Post No. 117 of East Liberty, for the excellent and satisfactory manner in which they have performed their duties as a Committee of Arrangements for this Convention.

A resolution of thanks to the citizens of Pittsburgh, for their kindness and liberality in making the stay of the delegates pleasant and agreeable, was unanimously adopted.

A Camp of Instruction was then formed, and instructions in the unwritten work given by the retiring Commander and the Assist. Adjt. General.

Adjourned.

ROBT. B. BEATH,

Assist. Adjt. General.

BY-LAWS

Adopted at the Department Encampment, at Pittsburgh, Jan. 26, 1870.

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ARTICLE I.

Duties of A. A. G.

The Assistant Adjutant General shall give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties, in the sum of two thousand dollars. He may make disbursements for postage and other necessary office expenses, and shall present to the Council of Administration before the assembling of each Department Encampment, and at such other times as they, or the Commander may direct, a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements; the correctness of which statement shall be affirmed or sworn to by him before any officer qualified to administer an oath. The statement after examination and approval by the Council of Administration, shall be forwarded to the A. Q. M. General, to whom the surplus funds shall be then turned over and receipted for by him.

The A. A. G. shall receive for his services the sum of six hundred dollars per annum—payable quarterly; which sum shall not be increased or decreased during any official term.

ARTICLE II.

Applications for Political Offices.

No officer of this Department, or of any Post in the Department, shall be permitted to affix his official signature to any recommendation or application for a political position, nor shall any such application or recommendation be acted upon by the Department Encampment or by any Post.

ARTICLE III.

Per Capita Tax.

The *per capita* tax shall be, until otherwise ordered, ten cents per quarter on each member reported.

ARTICLE V.

Traveling Expenses.

The actual expenses of officers traveling on official business of the Department, under the direct orders of the Commander, shall be paid from the Department funds. All such expenditures must be passed upon by the Council of Administration.

ARTICLE V.

Committee on Credentials.

The Commander shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, to consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine all credentials and report on their correctness, at each session of the Encampment.

ARTICLE VI.

Council of Administration.

The Council of Administration shall meet at least quarterly, at such time and place as they may deem proper.

ARTICLE VII.

Numbering Posts.

All Posts shall be numbered in regular order, and according to the date of the reception of applications for charters.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments.

New by-laws may be adopted, or the above altered or suspended by a two-thirds vote at an Annual Encampment: *Provided*, That one month's notice shall be given the A. A. G. of the proposed by-law or alteration, which shall be announced in orders at least two weeks prior to the assembling of the Encampment.

APPENDIX.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts for Dues, &c.

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NOTE.—For Posts omitted in numerical order, see succeeding pages. (A. A. G.)

RECEIPTS.

		Brought forward	$6431 67
		Sale maps and chairs, Philadelphia	7 00
		Dept. Delaware Rituals	3 00
		New Post at Beaver, (afterwards returned,)	10 00
Post No.	1.	Charter fee, $12.50; Dues, 1st qr., 1867, $8.55	21 05
"	28.	" "	12 50
"	17.	Descriptive Book	5 00
"	30.	Charter, $12.50; Dues, $7.20	19 70
"	32.	" $12.50; Dues, 1st qr., 1867, $0.85	13 35
"	36.	"	12 50
"	38.	" 12.50; " 1st and 2d qrs., 1868, $3.55	16 05
"	39.	" 12.50; " $1.50 and $0.60	14 65
"	40.	" 12.50; " $1.65	14 15
"	44.	"	12 50
"	46.	" $12.50; Dues, $5.25	17 75
"	48.	" 12.50; " 4.12	16 62
"	49.	" 12.50; " 5.00	17 50
"	50.	"	12 50
"	51.	" $12.50; Dues, $2.00	14 50
"	54.	" 12.50; " 3.98; Transfers, $0.90	17 38
"	56.	" 12.50; " 2.80	15 30
"	63.	" 12.50; " 4.50	17 00
"	64.	" 12.50; " 20.70; Transfers, $0.50	33 70
"	68.	"	12 50
"	69.	"	12 50
"	72.	" $12.50; Dues, $8.47	20 97
"	73.	"	12 50
"	76.	"	12 00
"	77.	" $12.50; Dues, $8.56	21 06
"	79.	Post Tax	1 00
"	82.	Descriptive Book	5 00
"	90.	Charter and Rituals	12 50
"	83.	"	12 50
"	85.	"	12 50
"	86.	" $12.50; Dues, $2.65; Transfers, $2.50	17 67
"	87.	"	12 50
"	95.	" $12.50; Dues, $0.95	13 45
"	100.	" 12.50; " 0.85	13 35
"	102.	" 10.00; " 1.10	11 10
"	112.	"	12 50
"	115.	" $12.50; Dues, $1.70; Transfers, $1.00	15 20
"	119.	" 12.50; " 6.20	18 70
"	120.	" 12.50; " 0.75	13 25
"	125.	"	12 50
"	126.	" $12.50; Transfers, $1.00	13 50
"	130.	"	12 50
"	131.	"	12 50
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"	133.	"	12 50
"	135.	" $12.50; Dues, $2.40	14 90
"	137.	" 12.50; " 3.10	15 60
"	138.	" 12.50; " 3.40	15 90
"	139.	"	12 50
"	141.	"	12 50
"	142.	" $12.50; Dues, $1.90	15 40
"	145.	" 12.50; " 2.05	14 55
"	147.	" 12.50; " 0.65	13 15
"	148.	" 12.50; " 1.65	14 15
"	152.	"	12 50
"	153.	" $12.50; Dues, $0.90	13 40
"	154.	" 12.50; " 2.10	14 60
"	159.	"	12 50
"	162.	" $12.50; Dues, $1.00; Transfers, $0.50	14 00
"	165.	" 12.50; " 1.75	14 25
"	166.	"	12 50
"	173.	"	12 50
"	175.	"	12 50
"	177.	Franklin, Charter, $12.50; Transfers, $0.50	13 00
"	181.	Charter,	12 50
"	190.	"	12 50
		Total Receipts	$7376 42

DISBURSEMENTS.

December 10th, 1866, to December 31st, 1867.

National Headquarters	$70 00	
Stationery and Printing	664 40	
Postage	128 99	
Clerk Hire	390 00	
Office Expenses	84 86	
Instituting Posts	35 04	
Charity Account	26 00	
Over-credit, Post No. 8	1 00	
Expenses of Districts.—Moutour, $3.00; Schuylkill, $6.39; Middle Philadelphia, $3.45	12 84	
		$1413 13

January 1st to June 30th, 1868.

Expenses for National Convention in Philadelphia	86 78	
" Department " "	20 15	
" A. Q. M. G. O., 1867	75 00	
Office expenses	7 50	
Postage	59 46	
Stationery and Printing	59 35	
Department Headquarters Printing, Postage, &c	250 00	
Clerk hire and salary A. Q. M. G	258 33	
Instituting Post	5 00	
Testimonial to Past G. C. Louis Wagner	100 00	
		921 57

July 1st to December 31st, 1868.

W. B. Cook, A. A. G., salary on account	644 54	
Department Headquarters.—Expenses	258 16	
Postage A. Q. M. G	20 00	
Printing and Stationery	25 75	
Account Salary A. Q. M. G	291 02	
Post Office Box Rent	3 00	
National Headquarters—Supplies	13 50	
Semi-annual Tax, June 30th	74 42	
		1330 99

Expenditures January 1st to July 20th, 1869.

BY ASSIST. Q. M. GENERAL.

Salary six months	125 00	
Paid W. B. Cook on account Salary as A. A. G	196 50	
National Encampment Dues, December 31st, 1868	59 18	
" " $1 Post Tax and balance Dues, Dec. 31st, 1868	98 11	
Bannan & Ramsey, Printing and Stationery	43 25	
Postage A. Q. M. G. O	13 50	
Post Office Box Rent	6 00	
Advertising Official Visitation in Philadelphia	6 90	
Charity	6 00	
Returned Charter Fee, Post No. 130, at Harrisville	12 50	
H. H. Davis, for Certificates sold	34 30	

BY ASSIST. ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Inspector A. M. K. Storrie, on account	25 00	
Salary six months	300 00	
Colborn & Hodgson—Printing	33 75	
Postage and Envelopes	103 65	
Letter Books	7 50	
Printing Letter Heads and Endorsements	10 25	
" Blank Requisitions at Altoona	3 50	
Express Charges, including $17.00 on boxes from Pittsburgh	39 85	
Charity	10 00	
Telegraphing	14 51	
A. M. K. Storrie on account Expenses as Inspector	10 00	
Copies "Long Roll," with Roster	6 00	
Expenses of Commander and A. A. G. to New York for instructions in new work	26 65	
Expenses of A. D. C. to Kaue, Pa	4 40	
Railway Guide 40 c., Twine, 35 c	75	
Returned R. Brown Post, No. 47, Certificate Money	2 50	
" Post No. 67, Dues overpaid	7 00	
		1206 55

Expenditures July 22d, 1869, to January 20th, 1870.

BY A. Q. M. GENERAL.

Engrossed Resolutions of Thanks to Comrade A. L. Pearson, A.A.G.	101 50	
Salary A. Q. M. General—6 months	125 00	
Paid National Headquarters—Account Blanks	520 00	
" " " —Dues, 2d qr., 1869	85 29	
Charity	7 00	
Stationery, Printing, and Postage	23 05	
		861 84

BY A. A. GENERAL.

Salary—6 months	300 00	
Extra Appropriation by July Convention	200 00	
J. J. Cake, transcribing Minutes and preparing MSS. of preceding Conventions	40 00	
Postage	96 60	
Expressage	22 30	
Printing and Books—Bannan & Ramsey	148 38	
" " —Colborn & Hodgson	24 50	
Inspector A. M. K. Storrie, (balance,)	15 00	
Telegrams	4 23	
Charges, Money Orders, and Drafts	1 80	
Copying Book, Wrapping Paper, &c.,	6 19	
Expenses A. A. G., and Commission at Beaver	8 75	
Returned Post No. 122, Satin Commission not delivered	2 50	
Post No. 161, R. & R., transferred to Post No. 27	3 00	
National Headquarters, on account Blanks	215 90	
" " *Per Capita* and Veteran Taxes, 3d qr., 1869	267 70	
		1356 85
Total Disbursements		$7090 93

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts, as per tables		$7376 42
" Expenditures as per tables	$7090 93	
Forwarded to Q. M. General—account Dues for 4th qr., 1869	61 88	
Returned sundry Posts overpayments*	5 60	
		7158 41
Balance		$218 01

* Post No. 110, $0.40; Post No. 135, $1.65; Post No. 136, $0.55; Post No. 13, $1.90; Post No. 191, overcredited Blanks, $1.10 = $5.60.

NOTE.—Great care has been taken to have the above tables correct, but as errors may have been made, Post Commanders are requested to examine the payments by their Post, and report if they are incorrect.

No receipts are entered on these tables on and after Receipt No. 381, January 21st, 1870.

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Asst. Adjt. General.

[*From the Pittsburgh Papers.*]

Proceedings of the Reunion and Banquet,

At Pittsburgh, January 26th, 1870.

The Department officers and Representatives, were met on the arrival of the trains by the Committee of Arrangements of the Posts of Allegheny County, and escorted to the Monongahela House. At 3 o'clock, P. M., the officers and Representatives, headed by the Committee of Arrangements and the Iron City Band, marched through several of the principal streets to Lafayette Hall where the meetings were to be held.

THE HALL—DECORATIONS, ETC.

The committee appointed to attend to the decoration of Lafayette Hall had performed their work with the utmost satisfaction, and the hall presented a really fine appearance. Outside, over the entrance door on Wood street, was displayed a large and magnificent national flag. The stage was hung around with flags, which entirely enclosed it on three sides. At the back of the stage, in full view of the audience, was the mammoth painting, the "Cavalry Charge at Gettysburg," which had been on exhibition in Barker & Hazeltine's window, on Fifth avenue, for several days. The picture is four by ten feet, and was painted in 1865, by H. C. Bispham, of New York, now in Europe. It belongs to W. S. Haven, Esq. Perched on the top of this picture, was the celebrated eagle "Phil. Sheridan," who went through the war, was killed and stuffed and afterwards came into the possession of Mr. Haven. In front of this picture was a large portrait of General Grant, and at either side of the stage were pictures of Generals Sherman and Hancock. There were besides a number of other pictures—Washington, Lincoln and a "New Orleans Slave Market," hung around the stage, rendering it very attractive. Above the door leading to the hall was a large flag, in the centre of which was a life-like portrait of General Grant. In the centre of the stage was a small stand draped with the stars and stripes. The gallery, opposite the stage, was festooned with flags in a very handsome manner.

THE REUNION.

In the evening at seven and a quarter o'clock, the delegates and others formed in line at the Monongahela House, and headed by the Iron City Band, proceeded by way of Fifth avenue to Lafayette Hall.

After the band had discoursed some excellent music, General Pearson, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, was called upon to preside over the meeting.

General Pearson stated that the object of the meeting was to get together the delegates of the various counties of the State, and also as many members of the Grand Army of the Republic as could be present, together with the citizens. He then introduced to the audience Major Calhoun, of Philadelphia. In introducing this gentleman, the General stated that he had been unanimously elected in the afternoon as Commander of the organization—a worthy tribute to a faithful soldier. He lost his leg while engaged in the service of his country. He has now marks of eight bullets on his person. You have selected a man that will do honor to the organization.

ADDRESS OF MAJOR CALHOUN.

Major Calhoun now appeared on the stand amid great enthusiasm. He spoke as follows:

"The Grand Army of the Republic has met with many vicissitudes since its organization. It would seem natural, after the close of the war, that men who had enlisted together, who had marched together, who had encamped together, who fought together, men who came out together to see the flag gloriously triumphant should seek to become united in one glorious organization. They had many reasons to be united. Like many of my Comrades I entered the army a boy, being only nineteen years of age, and I came out a full grown man. Many of my Comrades sleep around Fort Donelson, where we taught the rebels that one Southern man with a cornstalk could not whip five Yankees. They are lying along the Tennessee river. They are lying on the bloody fields of Shiloh. Following Grant in his campaign along the banks of Stone river, they also lie there. We should revere their memory. And now since the war has closed, it was well that we should gather together and form an organization. We came together, however, in no partisan spirit. When this Grand Army of the Republic was organized we did not say that the officer alone should come in. It became a level institution. No matter whether a man was a private or a Major General. We did not ask whether that man entered the army a Democrat or Republican. We did not ask at what altar he kneels. We applied only one test, and that is that he went into the army with a proper motive. We did not ask to what nationality he belonged. We care not whether he be a son of Jacob or the down-trodden son of Ham. We grasp his hand and call him friend. [Applause.] We have no distinction of color; we have no national hatred in this grand organi-

zation. The only test is loyalty. [Applause.] It is very strange that after the war closed we had not more members in our ranks. Our object in formingthe Grand Army of the Republic was not to place any members of that army in a political position. But if we see a maimed soldier, if we see a starving orphan, if we see a widow struggling to maintain herself and family, we will lend a helping hand. This is our grand mission. We are gathered together in one glorious brotherhood, not only to perpetuate the memories of the past, but to do noble deeds in the future. Our organization is not a political one. We have nothing to do with political organizations. No matter to what party a man belongs, he can become a member of this organization. In the first place, our object is to become good law-abiding citizens, and in the next to be ready should treason again raise its head to again enter the army. We are now entering upon a grand mission. Let no member be faithless to his duty. Lend a helping hand to all who may ask for aid. Show the people that you have a worthy object in coming together, and in being members of such a glorious organization. About three hundred and forty thousand citizens of this State, left their homes to battle for their country. About two hundred and seventy thousand men were permitted to return to their homes, leaving seventy-four thousand who perished upon the battle-field. Let us gather together as many of the living as we can, that we may do a still greater work. I will aid you all I can, and hope that the Grand Army of the Republic will stand as the old army of Pennsylvania did in days gone by.

REMARKS OF GEN. BODINE.

Gen. Bodine, late Senior Vice Commander of this Department, was next called upon. He referred briefly to the hospitality which had been extended to the delegates of this organization by the citizens of Pittsburgh, and also referred to the late war, when regiment after regiment would pass through this city, and not one of them would be allowed to pursue their journey without first being fed. He also spoke of the noble purpose of this organization, and said that although much had already been done there yet remained much to do.

ADDRESS OF GENERAL WAGNER.

General Wagner, of Philadelphia, was next called upon, and spoke in substance as follows:

I am proud of my connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. It has done a noble work, and is prepared to do a still grander and more glorious work. It is increasing in numbers and in strength. It has assisted many a disabled soldier, and has relieved the wants of many families of those who died that treason might be overthrown. I remember of reading somewhere in Shakespeare, "Give me thy hand, I have seen thee fight," and those who were in the service of our country during the late rebellion can appreciate to some extent the debt they owe to those who left a limb upon the field of battle. We, who have seen these men fight, can take them by the hand, and much more effectually relieve their wants than the outside world can. The Grand Army of the Republic has been misrepresented and misunderstood here as well as in other portions of our country. We have been told that it was simply a Radical organization. I received the Pittsburgh *Post* some time ago. It is not a Radical paper, I believe. [Laughter.] It contained a column and a half of an expose of this secret, oath-bound organization. It was a fearful article, but the editor appeared to know nothing about it. We have been misrepresented in regard to this organization of ours. While we have been doing good as we had opportunity, we have been censured by those who did not understand the object of the Order. The speaker then urged upon all to do what they can to assist those who have suffered by our late war.

The address was well received, and the speaker was frequently applauded.

ADDRESS OF MAJOR BOSBYSHELL.

Major Bosbyshell was next called upon, and responded in a few happy remarks. The Major said that it was his firm belief that the organization will receive from this date a new impetus; that the officers selected by the Convention in the afternoon, are well qualified to make the organization in this State a grand success. I now think that the organization in this State is on a better footing than it has ever been. The Convention shows a remarkable talent, and is a marked contrast with the Convention that assembled at Altoona. I think this is due to the reorganization of the Order. He then thanked the citizens of Pittsburgh for the kind and cordial greeting they have extended to the delegates of this organization, and also for their hospitality.

Capt. W. J. Mackey then recited "Sheridan's Ride" in a very effective manner, and his efforts were highly appreciated by the audience. He retired amid deafening applause.

Mr. Hood, of Post 80, a colored member of the organization, was next called upon. He showed great unwillingness to appear on the stand, but the audience persisted in their call, until he walked slowly to the stand. General Pearson here stated that Mr. Hood had been in all the battles before Richmond, and fought valiantly for his country.

REMARKS OF MR. HOOD.

Mr. Hood said that he did not come on the stage to make a speech, as he was not a speech-maker. He only came that all might see the stature of the Post of which he was a member, and not to show its intelligence. He then returned to his seat amid much applause.

Cols. Bayne, Walker and Tarr now followed, and made very appropriate speeches, and were loudly applauded.

Mr. Smyth then sang "Shivery Shake, the man that could'nt get warm," keeping the audience in roars of laughter during the singing.

Mr. Smyth, of Philadelphia, also sang "Prison Life in Dixie's Land" with fine effect. He was loudly applauded, and was called upon for another song, when he sang in an exceedingly happy manner "Sherman's March to the Sea." This was also highly applauded, and he retired amid great enthusiasm.

THE BANQUET.

Headed by the Iron City Band, the delegates marched to the second story of the building, where an elegant banquet, prepared by that prince of caterers, W. H. Simpson, of No. 293 Liberty street, was awaiting them. The tables were loaded with all the delicacies of the season. After discussing the good things set before them, the tables were cleared, and toasts and speeches were in order.

TOASTS.

Major Bosbyshell offered the first toast—"The hospitality of the citizens of Pittsburgh," which was responded to very appropriately by General Wagner.

John T. Brady, Commander of Post 5, proposed—"The Grand Army of the Republic of Pennsylvania; may it increase tenfold during the administration of Major Calhoun," Responded to by Major Calhoun.

Major Calhoun—"The health of General Pearson." Response by General Pearson.

General Pearson—"The health of Major Montooth." Responded to by Major Montooth.

Major Montooth—"The loyal, patriotic ladies of Pittsburgh." Responded to by General Albright.

General Pearson—"The Volunteers of Pennsylvania; first on the battle-field, and last to leave it." Response by General Hartranft.

Major Calhoun—"The Press, that preserves in peace that for which we fought in war." Response by J. D. Ramsey, Esq., of the *Gazette*.

Captain McClellan—"The health of that class of men who have more than any other contributed to the glorious results which we celebrate to-night; the private soldiers." Response by Mr. L'Velle, of Schuykill County.

Major Cook—"The health of Major Bosbyshell, our retiring Commander." Responded to by Major Bosbyshell.

Major Cook—"The health of General Bodine, the retiring Senior Vice Grand Commander." Response by General Bodine.

Captain Bryant—"The Memory of our Fallen Comrades." Drank in silence.

Major Cook—"John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic."

General Pearson read a letter from General Logan, regretting that he could not be present.

General Bodine proposed "The health of General U. S. Grant," and read a letter from the President, regretting that his duties prevented his presence.

Major Calhoun—"The health of Captain McClellan," who responded.

Captain Swartz—"The health of the Soldier's Friend, Andrew G. Curtin." Responded to by Major Bosbyshell.

General Bodine—"The health of Governor Geary." General Geary sent a letter stating that a press of official business prevented his attendance.

Major Sutton—"To Colonel Beath, the efficient Assistant Adjutant General." Colonel Beath responded.

After a number of other toasts and responses, the audience dispersed highly delighted with the hospitality of the occasion.